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SANCTUARY STEPS IN TO SAVE HAMMY'S BACON AFTER ATTACK



Hammy the pig is now at Good Heart Animal Sanctuary

AN animal sanctuary has stepped in to save a pig that attacked a 61-year-old woman in Darlaston.

Hammy, a four-and-a-half-year-old Gloucester Old Spot, attacked Marie Yates in her garden and left her with deep gashes on both legs.

His owners and Marie's neighbours, fearful of what would happen to him, allowed Good Heart Animal Sanctuary to whisk him away on Friday evening.

He arrived at the charity's new sanctuary, near Milson in Shropshire, at around 7.30pm, where he was placed under quarantine until he is deemed safe to join the other animals.

The sanctuary's farm manager David

Bourne, 30, said: "We were called to collect Hammy as the owners did not want anything further happening to him.

"They were very sad to see him go but we assured them he would be somewhere safe. We got to him as quickly as possible once we found out what had happened.

"I was not sure what he would be like, but he left without any fuss. He was very good when travelling, and when he arrived here he seemed quite tired and quiet.

"We had some fresh straw ready for him and after I went to check on him he had built a big nest for himself and I could only see one ear sticking out.

"Hammy will be in quarantine until we know he is safe and a vet has had a chance

to assess him. We're leaving that a couple of days. For now we don't want to do anything to agitate him."

In a statement, director of Good Heart Animal Sanctuary Alison Hood said: "Although Hammy was cared for by his owners it is not kind to keep pigs as pets. They grow from cute tiny piglets to large strong animals who need considerable care."

Before the attack last week, Hammy had smashed his way out of his pen. He then charged at Marie as she tried to escape behind her car on her drive.

Speaking about the attack from her hospital bed, former bank manager Marie said: "I thought he was going to kill me.

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TRAGEDY

School sets up donations page

A SCHOOL has set up an online fundraising page to help pay for the funeral of one of its pupils who tragically died after being struck by train in Walsall.

The 14-year-old schoolgirl, who has not yet officially named, studied at Wednesbury's Wood Green Academy and was hit by a train at Wallows Lane foot crossing, near Banks's Stadium, on September 26.

The school has now taken to crowd funding site Just Giving to help raise money for her family to help cover funeral and memorial costs.

The public's response to the appeal has seen more than £2,000 raised in just five days, with the total currently standing at £2,447 thanks to 170 donations, with £5,000 set as the target.

A statement from the academy reads: "The tragic death of one of our students has affected the whole school community deeply and we have been touched by the support received."

An official date for an inquest has not yet been revealed by Black Country coroner Zafar Siddique. To donate, log onto www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/woodgreen-academy

COURT

Jail for botch-job which cost £14k

A COWBOY builder whose appalling standard of work left a house uninhabitable and requiring thousands of pounds worth of repairs has been jailed.

Michael Doody, of Hobley Street, Willenhall took on the £21,000 job to refurbish a pensioner's home despite not being qualified to carry out the task, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard. Following a three-month project, from which he paid himself £200 a week, Doody left the three-bedroom house in Wednesfield in a terrible state.

As a result, Jennifer Hubbard, aged 67, was forced to move out while work to repair it will cost £14,700. Jailing Doody for one year, Recorder Stuart Sprawson said: "You are anything but the capable builder that Mrs Hubbard expected you to be."

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Shocked community responds after arson attack FAMILIES RALLY TO HELP SCHOOL

PARENTS and grandparents have rallied to help a Walsall primary school after vandals destroyed years of hard work and valued equipment.

Staff arrived at Rushall Primary School to discover that a fire had been started in the woodland area on site, with benches and structures crafted to help pupils learn outdoors burnt in what staff described as 'a bonfire'. Staff and pupils have been devastated by the wanton destruction of their benches and woodland area.

The community has been moved by the pupils' plight with more than £750 being donated to help replace the equipment and families have given up their time to help carry out repairs.

Assistant headteacher Lisa O'Brien told The Chronicle: "The response from our community has been overwhelming.

Rebuilding

"On Friday we had parents and grandparents down at the school to help out, they cleaned up the area, got together some materials for rebuilding and put anti-vandal paint on our perimeter fence. We have also had local businesses offering us cash donations and people donating materials that they have access to through their work.

"We would like to thank every person who has been involved in helping us try and recover from this."

After discovering the blaze at the Pel-sall Lane school last week, headteacher

By Jordan Harris

Kate Bargh said: "The woodland area was a perfect place for our pupils to learn in a different environment, they could enjoy their time outdoors and learn things that they couldn't in the classroom.

"Staff have put in a lot of hard work over the last five years to make the vision we had a reality, while parents have also helped and pupils have contributed.

"We came in on Tuesday and the fire was still smouldering, we had benches that had been made by the pupils and chairs that were piled onto each other like a bonfire, completely destroyed.

"I get emotional now thinking about it because it was such a valued part of our school and we had so many good times out there."

Mrs Bargh said the school would be looking to rebuild the area over the coming months but feared it could make some time.



Olivia Appleby and Luke Garrington, with fellow pupils and staff at the burnt-out woodland school



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Home going under hammer for £19k



The house in Leamore Lane

A HOMEBUYER could pick up the cheapest property on the market in the West Midlands – a three-bedroom house in Walsall for less than £20,000.

This terraced house, at 51, Leamore Lane, is being sold off with a guide price of between £19,000 and £24,000 by SDL Auctions. It goes under the hammer in the Holte Suite at Aston Villa FC on October 18.

Gurpreet Bassi, head of residential auctions at SDL Auctions, said: "This lot would make an excellent opportunity either as an investment purchase

or as a first home, and we expect strong interest."

It will appear alongside a catalogue of 130 other lots, including another property which has been tipped to draw competitive bidding.

The first floor, purpose-built studio flat in communal grounds at 26 Bromford Close, 152 Church Lane in Handsworth, Birmingham, has been marked up with a guide price of £15,000 to £19,000 plus. It is thought to be the lowest priced flat currently on sale across the West Midlands. At the other end

of the price scale is a five-bedroomed former farmhouse standing in more than four acres of grounds near Coventry. With a guide price of £595,000 to £645,000 plus, the property on Bennetts Road North in Corley, which has been converted into three self-contained units, is said to be easily converted back into a single dwelling.

Meanwhile, a three bedroomed semi-detached house at 66 Milton Street in Brierley Hill, has a guide price in excess of £30,000. The auction catalogue can be found at www.sdlauctions.co.uk

More beds needed to help homeless in winter

EXTRA beds are needed for the homeless this winter as dozens more rough sleepers are living on the streets of Walsall than originally feared.

The estimated number of people on the streets more than tripled from seven in 2015 to 26 in 2016. But in fact a total of 62 people actually turned up at the winter shelter which was set up at the Glebe Centre for a month last year.

As a result, Walsall Council is now set to move the shelter to its former electoral registration department building at 40 Darwall Street near its own offices because it can fit in 26 beds - eight more than the Glebe Centre on Wednesbury Road.

And the service will be up and running for three times as long, between the start of December and the end of February, as the council hopes to help people stay off the streets for good.

It will be available between the hours of 8pm and 8am and run by an army of 100 volunteers from the YMCA.

Councillor Diane Coughlan, portfolio Holder for Social Care, blamed Government cuts for the growing problem of homelessness. The Labour councillor said: "The number of rough sleepers is worse than thought."

"It is austerity that is causing this due to the Government welfare reforms."

"The problem is being left for local councils to deal with and we can't stand by and do nothing when people are on the streets."

She added: "I'm delighted that the community are working together to take this night shelter proposal forward. It is a shining example of what can be achieved when people from all faiths and backgrounds come together to do something positive."

"The proposal is not just about providing temporary accommodation for rough sleepers, it's about a longer term aim of giving them improved life chances."

Already 72 volunteers have expressed an interest in helping the project. Anybody interested can contact YMCA Black Country.

Gardening group plots success



Celebrations for Caldmore Green Community Garden after it won a national award

A GARDEN has been rewarded for being 'a real gem in the middle of the urban sprawl'.

Caldmore Community Gardens won the It's Your Neighbourhood Heart of England in Bloom from the Royal Horticultural Society.

They were judged on community participation, environmental responsibility and gardening achievement back in July and were

described as a 'real gem' in the report and recognised for their commitment to organise gardening, diversity of volunteers and full disabled access, enabling everyone the chance to enjoy the gardens.

The Carless Street site boasts a plot to grow vegetables and flowers, a sensory area and a children's play area.

Run by Caldmore Village Fes-

tival Group, it was established in 2011 with support from whg and Walsall Council.

Royal Horticultural Society judges Jenny Brewer and Carol Miller said described it as 'an absolute ray of sunshine in the centre of urban Walsall'.

Caldmore Village Festival chairman Mohammed Arif said: "It is a great achievement by everyone."

Only black super goes, 32 years on

ONE of the most senior black police officers in the West Midlands has retired after more than 30 years in law and order.

Keith Fraser – the only black superintendent currently with West Midlands Police – has urged more members of the black community to "make a difference" and consider policing, as he brings to an end a career which has seen him go from beat patrols in Barking, via New Scotland Yard to the region, with roles in child protection, crime investigation, neighbourhood policing and tactical firearms.



Supt Keith Fraser

He has been a police officer since 1985. Supt Fraser said: "One of the proudest moments in my life was putting on my uniform for the first time: the look of pride on my family's faces will never leave me."

"I've lost track of the amount of times people have come up to me in the street to shake my hand or say how 'it's good to see a black police officer here'."

Since joining West Midlands Police in 2005, Keith has worked in Birmingham, Stourbridge, Walsall and Wolverhampton and been the force's lead for children and young people.

Trust spends £4m on temps

A MENTAL health trust spent almost £4 million on temporary staff over the last 12 months, figures have revealed.

A total of £3.9 million was paid out on agency workers by the Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust in the year to October.

But the body said the amount was down from 2015/16 when £6.5 million was spent on temporary staff and in line with the NHS agency cap – which health organisations should not go above.

Bosses at the trust, which provides mental health services to children and adults in the two boroughs, said they had been working hard to reduce agency spend over recent years.

A greater focus on recruitment and using bank staff was credited for getting the figure down.

Charity ball in aid of city hospice

A SPECIAL ball is to take place next month in aid of Wolverhampton's Compton Hospice. It takes place at Essington Working Men's Club in High Hill, Essington, on Saturday, November 18 from 7pm. Tickets are available on 01922 405765.

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New Cross hit by nurses shortfall of 250 jobs

A NURSING shortage is causing a headache for chiefs at Wolverhampton's New Cross Hospital with 251 jobs to fill.

Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust is now in a race against time to recruit more staff as the busy winter period looms.

The Trust said: "Recruitment continues to be challenging. A campaign to recruit more health care assistants is due to commence and will enable the Trust to respond to winter pressures."

There are 184 full-time vacancies for qualified and registered nurses, including midwives, 44 vacancies for unqualified health care assistants and 23 other types of vacancies.

Vice-chairman of Wolverhampton council's health scrutiny committee, Conservative councillor Wendy Thompson said: "This is a considerable shortage of such important members of staff. It is essential that we get the word out there to encourage more people to consider a career in nursing."

The hospital has already gone overseas in its hunt for extra staff including trips to the Philippines.

The report continued: "A total of 48 nurses are in post with two more set to arrive in September, leaving the potential for a further four in the pipeline. There are also 53 candidates from Nigeria that may be due to start as clinical fellows soon."

But it still has a large number of vacancies as the winter pressures start to pile up.

Worst quizzers could win £750

A QUIZ team from the Walsall has made it through to the final of a national competition to win a £750 prize in the UK's easiest pub quiz.

University Challenged has been selected as a finalist after responding to Flaming Grill's search to find the World's Worst Quiz Team. The four players admitted they had lost numerous pub quizzes and frequently answered the easiest questions wrong.

They were going up against four other teams to bag the £750 prize. Paul Hunter-Finn, from the Wheatsheaf on Walsall Road, said: "Whether they win or lose, they're always welcome at our quiz night."

Meet superhero

CHILDREN can meet a superhero in Walsall during the half-term holiday. Catboy from the children's programme PJ Masks will be at the Victorian Arcade in Walsall on October 28, from 11am to 4pm.

Wakemans hands over £1.5m Waterfront



The completed £1.5m second phase

CONSTRUCTION work has been completed on a £1.5 million development that will provide four new restaurants on Walsall's Waterfront.

New tenants are now fitting out the shells with Creams and Subway, both set to open later this month.

Developer Kier Property and Walsall Council bosses confirmed in August that they would be joined by Five Guys and Gourmet Burger Kitchen.

They will be next to Pizza Express, Chiquito's, Green King, Bella Italia, TGI Fridays and The Light Cinema. Property consultancy Wakemans

says it has completed work on phase two of the Walsall Waterfront development, to house the four new restaurants at the £65 million pound mixed leisure complex.

Wakemans acted as project manager, employer's agent, quantity surveyor and principal designer on behalf of developer Kier Property and confirmed that the shell buildings had been handed over and are being fitted out by the new tenants.

With a contract value of £1.5 million, phase two of the Walsall Waterfront development is made up of

four units – one block of three units comprising 571.2 sq m (6,150 sq ft) of space and a further separate unit of 325.2 sq m (3,500 sq ft). Wakemans also took a lead role in phase one of the redevelopment project, a mixed leisure scheme that has provided the town centre with a multi-screen cinema, shops, restaurants and bars.

Kier's Tom Gilman said: "We're sure the strength of these brands will mirror the success of the phase one and ensure the Waterfront scheme is the number one leisure destination in Walsall."

Bike raiders spoil young Harry's speedway dream

A FATHER has appealed for help to return his talented young son's motorbike – which he says was his 'pride and joy'.

Thieves stole the distinctive KTM mini-adventure motorbike belonging to seven-year-old Harry Fletcher, who studies at Elmore Green school.

It was taken from the back of his father's van overnight on October 1, potentially damaging his aspirations to become a professional rider in the future.

According to his father Ian, Harry hoped to follow in the footsteps of his older brother Connor, who is a competitive speedway driver and had even expressed his desire to emulate Wolverhampton Wolves star Freddie Lindgren.

Ian said: "Harry is devastated, his bike was his pride and joy."

"Already at a young age, he knows that this is something that he wants to do for a long time and he even told me that one day he would be better than Freddie Lindgren, who is something of a hero to him.

Progress

"This is a real setback, altogether I think the bike and the work we had done to it has cost around £1,500 so it isn't something you can just magic out of thin air.

"They also took his helmet and safety gear, so we have to think about how we can start from scratch without hindering his progress too much, he wanted to compete in the UK youth championships next year and we were planning to sell this bike to get him a new one. "I hope that someone can help us because Harry is devastated."

The mini-motorcycle is distinctive due to its orange paint job and wheel spokes, as well as having a kill switch installed, which is unusual for that particular model.

A West Midlands Police spokesman said: "Anyone with information is urged to call 101 quoting the crime reference number 20WS/209910P/17." To donate towards buying a new bike for him go to www.gofundme.com/for-stolen-tool-box-and-ktm-bike



Harry Fletcher, seen in action on his beloved KTM mini-adventure motorbike which has been stolen

Anger at one-way system scheme

ANGRY residents are urging that plans to introduce a new one-way system be rethought.

Bath Road residents have submitted a petition signed by 68 households protesting against Walsall Council's one-way proposals from the direction of Little London to St. Michael Street in Caldmore.

The dispute follows on from a major row which erupted between residents and the council over a one-way system introduced on Caldmore Road last year. For-

mer St Matthews ward councillor and resident Mohammed Arif is working with Bath Road residents in their battle to get the council to re-think the plans. He said: "I opposed the Caldmore Road one way scheme and submitted a 1,500 signed petition into council which was ignored by the ruling group.

"It looks that democratic wishes of the resident's in Bath Road will once again be ignored and council will impose their proposed scheme to hide their embarrassment of

making Caldmore Road one way. The fundamental problem is the bottleneck at Corporation Street and Wednesbury Road traffic lights, especially buses, turning right to go to town centre. Traffic queues at peak times stretch all the way back to Weston Street hence, motorists use side streets to bypass traffic congestion."

Nasir Sarwar, a Bath Road resident, said: "I hope common sense will prevail and council and cabinet listens to us."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Shock at city's cocaine figures

NEARLY 3,000 addicts are abusing cocaine in Wolverhampton, according to new figures. The scale of the city's drug problem can be laid bare, with a total of 2,800 people battling addictions to cocaine and crack cocaine.

And a new council report also reveals drug-related deaths in Wolverhampton have risen, with 32 people dying between 2014 and 2016, and 26 between 2013 and 2015. Tory group leader Wendy Thompson described the figures as 'an appalling statistic' and urged council chiefs to do more to tackle the blight of drugs.

She added: "Schools and colleges have an enormous job to do to get the horrors of drug addiction over to young people. That is ongoing. I come from an age group where I remember there was just one addict in Wolverhampton and he was well-known."

Trust pays out for mixed sex breach

A TOTAL of 15 mixed sex accommodation breaches were recorded in a single month at Walsall Manor Hospital – the most since last October.

They occurred in August which marked a significant increase from the two cases in July.

Six of the patients were waiting for surgical beds while nine were waiting for a medical bed.

Each breach costs Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust £250 with sanctions totalling £4,250 for the month alone.

Ramblers head for countryside

THE Walsall Group of the Ramblers will be heading to Hampton Loade for a six-mile circular walk on Sunday, October 15.

This is a moderate walk through fields and woods around Dudmaston Hall.

Non-members are always welcome and can obtain more information from the walk leader on 01922 611714.

More information about the Walsall Group is available on the website www.walsallramblers.org.uk also find them on Facebook.

Pensioners dole out cash for firemen fund

A PENSIONERS' convention has donated £100 to a fireman's fund.

Members of Walsall Pensioners' Convention gave the money to the Firemen's Benevolent Fund.

It was in thanks for their service following the recent disaster at Grenfell Tower.

The group meets at TMO Office in Burrowes Street in Walsall on the first Friday of every month, from 10.30am.



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Steak restaurant wins top award

A BIRMINGHAM steak restaurant has been named Restaurant of the Year West Midlands for the third year running at a prestigious awards night. Anderson's Bar & Grill's winning streak has also seen them win 'Best Steak House' in the 2017 Midlands Food, Drink & Hospitality Awards. Chef Director, of the Mary Ann Street venue, Dan Anderson, said: "We're extremely proud to have won this award for three years in a row now. I'd like to say a huge thank you to our fantastic team."

Council pledge on road safety

A TOP councillor has reacted to figures that showed an increase in people dying in crashes on the roads. Last year, 46 people died in crashes in Wolverhampton, Sandwell, Dudley, Walsall and Staffordshire last year. In Walsall, nine people died. This was up from one in 2015. Walsall council regeneration chief Councillor Lee Jeavons, said: "We take the safety of our residents very seriously. Any road accidents are of great concern to us. The council works closely with Highways England and West Midlands Police to robustly investigate and understand the cause of accidents."

The Twang tour gets Assist-ance

AN up-and-coming Walsall band will go on tour with indie rockers The Twang later this year. The Assist have been added to five dates with The Twang on their 10-year anniversary tour. It celebrates the release of their debut album, Love It When I Feel Like This. The Assist will join the band at shows in Bournemouth, Manchester, Oxford, Sheffield and Newcastle across late November and early December.

Tips for firms to beat cyber fraud

BOSSSES are being invited to attend a free conference to help them stay one step ahead of online fraudsters. The event, hosted by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Staffordshire, will take place on November 29 at the Ingestre Suite, Stafford. More than 100 companies have already registered. Tickets can be booked via the OPCC Eventbrite page at staffspcc.eventbrite.com.

Apprentices start roles at housing group

TWELVE new apprentices have been taken on by a housing group. More than 500 people applied for the 12 apprentice vacancies at whg. The housing group took to social media account Snapchat for the first time to encourage people to attend its first apprentice open evening in June. More than 100 people attended, with 532 people applying for the opportunities available. The 12 successful

applicants have now begun at whg, in roles across its accountancy, business administration, housing management, surveying, gas engineering and IT teams. Theresa Huburn, whg's corporate director of people and learning, said: "We had an overwhelming number of applicants for our 12 vacancies and we are delighted to see the new recruits now in post. As a leading Midlands

housing provider, we are absolutely committed to developing our young people and investing in their skills." Among the new cohort is 25-year-old Laxman Swali, from Wolverhampton, who has joined whg as an apprentice gas engineer. He said: "I went to university where I completed a degree in sports and exercise science, but after university, I felt there weren't many opportunities

out there for me. I didn't realise that I could start an apprenticeship because I was over 24, but when I found out I could, I looked around for options and spotted the opportunities at whg. I've been here for four weeks now and I'm really enjoying it. "The team I work in are really supportive - I've got stuck in and I've been able to shadow another colleague and learn the tools of the trade."

Injured woman tells of pig attack horror

Safety fears as pub hit by arsonists



The former Red Admiral pub, following the blaze, which has been empty for 14 months

A PUB gutted by a fire in a suspected arson attack has left residents fearing for the safety of their children. Neighbouring homes were filled with smoke and children left in panic as five fire crews worked to tackle the blaze at the former Red Admiral pub in Great Barr. Residents says multiple fires were roaring throughout the site in the early hours of Friday morning. Sirwan Ali, aged 47, who lives next door, said: "My wife woke me up at 1.48am and I rang 999. I have four children, they were all scared. I have one child with special needs, she cried and just said 'why is the fire not gone'."

"We're scared and the children are scared that maybe it will come again."

The blaze, which took over a large area of the 1950s Gorse Farm Road building, saw more than 20 firefighters battling it at one point, including teams from Handsworth fire station. It took around two hours to bring the blaze under control. Another resident woken up by the suspected arson attack was Clare Coley, aged 43, who ran the pub back in 2007. She said: "About half past two I heard the banging - I believe it was the firemen trying to break the doors down. It was smoke more than fire. There has been a petition trying to get it to be opened back up as a pub and there was a court date set in motion for it all."

Councillor Keith Allcock said: "There might be a community use for it but that's in stalmate at the moment."

'THE pig charged so fast there was no chance I could have got out of the way.'

A woman who suffered gruesome injuries after being mauled by a pig has spoken of her terror during the attack. Marie Yates spoke from her hospital bed and described the terrifying moment the animal barrelled towards her. Marie sustained injuries to her legs and has been recovering in Walsall Manor Hospital. The pig crashed through a fence into her back garden and then attacked her when she tried to shoo it away. As Marie tried to escape, the animal followed her into the street in Heathfield Lane, Darlaston last Wednesday. Emergency services were called before the pig was retrieved by its owner.

Followed

Marie, 61, said: "One of my neighbours was in his garden and I shouted over to him that the pig was attacking me and I was bleeding badly. It's a bit blurry but I managed to get to my car which is parked at the back and then got out into the road. "But the pig followed me into the roadway. "My neighbour called an ambulance then the police apparently sent somebody around to look for the pig but clearly [his owner] managed to cajole him back into the pen."

The extent of Marie's injuries mean she has faced a spell in hospital and has been operated on. But she remained under supervision in case her wounds get infected. She suffered an 8in



Marie Yates in hospital

long and 2in deep gash on her right leg and also damage to her left. "The flesh was just hanging off my shin and off the back of my thigh. "I'm still in a lot of discomfort - a lot of pain. "Not just my legs but also my back is bruised quite badly as well." Marie claimed that over the past three years she has urged council bosses and the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs to take action to remove the pig from its home in a neighbouring back garden - alleging its home is 'totally inadequate'. She said nothing has been done despite her urging action. Experts believe it is a Gloucester Old Spot breed and Marie suggested it weighs around 30st.

Headteacher is praised for inspired leadership

A HEADTEACHER has been praised for her 'inspired' leadership in helping to maintain high standards at a school.

Ofted has returned to Greenholm Primary for the first time in three years. The large Great Barr-based first school on Greenholm Road which has around 400 pupils on the roll, was rated Good overall in 2014 while the behaviour of students was afforded the benchmark of 'Outstanding'.

Her Majesty's inspector Mark Sims attended the school on September 19 and has subsequently wrote to headteacher Gill Turner to praise standards. He said: "Under your inspired direction, the leadership team has maintained the good quality of education in the school since the last inspection."

"You have ensured a strong focus on improving teaching and learning through effective training of staff, including newly qualified teachers. Outcomes for pupils in reading, writing and mathematics are improving strongly and compare very favourably with national results at the end of key stages 1 and 2."

"Almost all staff and the very large majority of parents who responded to surveys agree that the school is well-led."

"All staff who replied said they are proud to be a member of the school. All pupils who expressed a view in their survey said they would recommend the school to a friend. The school provides a very positive learning environment. In lessons visited during the inspection, pupils were completely engaged in their learning, free from interruptions."

Memorial hosts half-term events

FAMILIES can enjoy a number of half-term activities at the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire.

Youngsters can learn about some of the insects found in the First World War trenches and make their own creepy creatures to take home. Twice daily at the Alrewas site they can listen to Tales from the Trenches at 11am and 2pm.

The replica trench system remains open for exploration until Remembrance Sunday, November 12. Costumed interpreters will also be on site.

On October 21, Twilight Trek offers the chance to experience the Arboretum at dusk. A 5km walk departs at 5pm or, for a shorter family walk at 4.30pm. Cost is £7.50 per person or £26 for a family. Booking is essential.

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Canal days away from becoming a reserve

A FOUR-MILE stretch of the Wyrley and Essington Canal has been approved for official designation as a nature reserve.

Both Wolverhampton and Walsall councils have given the go-ahead to the scheme which will cover the canal corridor from Wolverhampton city centre to the edge of Walsall, and areas of open space alongside it.

It will become a designated Local Nature Reserve out of recognition of its importance for wildlife, with the aim of preserving and improving it, and also increasing public access. Wednesfield councillor Phil Bateman, who has been campaigning for the reserve since 2007, said that the only hurdle left was the signing of documents forming a legal agreement between the three parties – the two councils and the Canal and River Trust.

He said: “The trust’s legal team is currently looking at the detail of the documentation, and hopefully the delays will be sorted soon.

“I remain very optimistic that the final legal agreements are just days away from being sorted.”

The canal is seen a significant wildlife asset in an urban area.

“The agreement to be signed includes a commitment to jointly manage the reserve for wildlife, education and enjoyment purposes for at least 21 years.

Parking charges rise at hospital

PARKING charges are set to increase at Walsall Manor Hospital next week for the first time in five years.

Visitors and staff will have to pay more to park at the hospital site on Moat Road from Monday as bosses look to bring charges ‘in line with neighbouring trusts’ in a bid to help with maintenance and security.

At the moment, the charges are £2 for one hour and then an extra £1 for every hour after up to a maximum of £5. However, they will now have to pay £2.80 for up to one hour, with the cost increasing by £1 for each hour after that up to a maximum of £5.30.

Free parking is still available for those accessing chemotherapy, neonatal, end of life care and some ad hoc clinics.

£107m turnover

A ONE per cent increase in used sales pushed car dealer Arbury’s turnover to £107.9 million last year. The company has sites in Walsall and Lichfield and franchises including Peugeot, Nissan, Skoda, Citroen and Fiat.

Family calls for inquiry as police cleared



Kingsley Burrell, who died in 2011

THE family of Kingsley Burrell have called for a public inquiry into his death after three West Midlands Police officers were cleared of lying at his inquest.

Mr Burrell, from Walsall, died in hospital in 2011 having suffered a heart attack. He had been sectioned under the Mental Health Act and transferred to hospital three days later after police were called to a disturbance involving the 29-year-old at a secure unit.

The inquest in 2015 concluded neglect by police, paramedics and hos-

pital staff played a part in his death – and that a covering, put over Mr Burrell’s head as he’d spat at paramedics during his transfer, should have been removed.

But Pcs Paul Adey, 37, Mark Fannan, 45 and Paul Greenfield, 51, were found not guilty of perjury and perverting the course of justice last Wednesday.

Speaking outside court, Mr Burrell’s relatives and supporters, including his sister, Kadisha Brown-Burrell, and mother, Janet Brown, expressed disappointment at the verdicts.

Family spokesman Desmond Jaddoo called for a fresh review of all the evidence surrounding Mr Burrell’s death.

He also renewed a call, first made after the inquest, for a full public inquiry into the circumstances of the father-of-three’s treatment.

Mr Jaddoo said: “We request that the Home Secretary now place our 2015 request for a public inquiry into these systemic failings back on the agenda, as promised, following the conclusion of these proceedings.”

Breakdown patrols to work on roads near M5

EMERGENCY Highways England breakdown patrols will venture off the motorway for the first time ever to tackle congestion caused by the £100 million M5 Oldbury viaduct work.

Traffic officers will come to the aid of drivers caught in chaos on key roads surrounding the motorway as part of a 13-month pilot scheme now underway.

The service, which normally only patrols motorways and key trunk roads, will work closely with Sandwell Council and West Midlands Police to assist motorists and clear obstructions from incidents to keep traffic flowing in and around the Sandwell area.

Traffic officers will provide additional support to:

- Motorists exiting at junction one and travelling northwest on the A41 towards Wednesbury.
- Motorists exiting at junction two and travelling northwest on A4123 towards the Dudley to Burnt Tree junction, which is six miles from the strategic road network.
- Motorists when necessary using the A4034, A457 and A4252.

The patrols will be covering the routes between 7am and 7pm.

Highways England recently started using rapid assistance motorcycles carrying emergency fuel to combat breakdowns and ease congestion on the M5 at Oldbury, while the essential repairs take place. It is the first time fuel bikes have been used by Highways England.

The Oldbury scheme, valued at more than £100 million, includes concrete repairs and waterproofing on the ageing viaduct. It is the largest concrete repair project, by value, ever carried out in Britain.

Highways England and the West Midlands Combined Authority have signed a partnership agreement that involves closer communication and sharing working arrangements to provide better journeys and reduce congestion.

The partnership agreement was signed by Highways England chief executive, Jim O’Sullivan and West Midlands Mayor, Andy Street.

Tennis ace David has not lost touch



Walsall touch tennis wheelchair player David Sinclair with tennis coach Clayton Edge

A DISABLED Walsall athlete has become the first wheelchair tennis player to take part in a new version of the sport.

David Sinclair made his debut in a touch tennis tournament held at Wolverhampton University’s Walsall campus, competing against able-bodied players in the fast paced and accessible version of the game.

Touch tennis is played with high-density foam balls on small courts and Mr Sinclair is the first disabled athlete to take part in a touch tennis tournament anywhere in the country.

He said: “This weekend was a fantastic experience and to become the first wheelchair athlete to take part in a touch tennis tournament was a source of great

pride.” Mr Sinclair was a keen tennis player before an accident in his teens left him in a wheelchair and he was unsure he would ever play again.

However, with the support of the University of Wolverhampton and Walsall-based tennis coach Clayton Edge, he has started to thrive at the new version of the sport.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Probe after man is bitten by dog

THE police watchdog has launched an investigation after a man was injured by a West Midlands Police dog in Birmingham.

The Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) has begun the probe after the incident on September 4. Police responded to a report that roof tiles were being stolen from a building at the former North Worcestershire Golf Course in Northfield.

Officers were engaging with a group of people on the site when a police dog seized a man by the leg.

The man was taken to hospital with bite injuries and has made a complaint to police about the incident.

Assa Abloy plan wins approval

THE latest phase of Assa Abloy’s £3 million revamp to its head office in Willenhall has been approved by development chiefs.

The international firm, behind lock brands Yale and Union, has moved out of its base at Cannock Road, Wednesfield, and is expanding its site at School Street, Willenhall.

As part of the project they had applied to install a new 110 space car park for staff to alleviate pressure on surrounding residential streets.

The scheme also included an improved service yard to enhance safety for workers.

Annual golf day brings in £7,500

PLAYERS teed off to raise charity cash at annual golf day, collecting £7,500.

Held at Bloxwich Club, it was the 10th annual event staged by PVCu Direct in aid of Walsall Breast Cancer Care Group. The amount raised takes PVCu Direct’s total in that time to £59,700.

A total of 172 players took part. The winning team was Cassie’s Crusaders ahead of Bowater Plumbing and Phil Paddock. Sales director Nick Plimmer thanked everyone who took part and so generously donated to the cause.

Order aims to stop anti-social behaviour

A SCHEME to clamp down on anti-social behaviour in Walsall town centre has been brought into action.

After a period of public consultation and evidence gathered from police, the council has made a Public Spaces Protection Order to tackle anti-social behaviour.

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IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews



So many channels but little to watch

HERE has been a bit of a kerfuffle over Lavinia Woodward, the "too posh for prison" student who walked free from court after stabbing her boyfriend with a bread knife.

Judge Ian Pringle came to his decision after hearing Miss Woodward had a personality disorder, an eating disorder and a previous dependency on drugs and alcohol. Oh, and prison would damage her hopes of a high-flying career as a surgeon.

Is it just me, or is it that last sentence not just a little disturbing? I know there's a shortage of doctors and nurses, but to we really want somebody with so many issues wielding the scalpel? All I can say is I hope she uses plenty of anaesthetic.

WRITING in the esteemed British Medical Journal, Professor Alyson Pollock calls for a ban on tackling and scrumming in school rugby games, saying it puts youngsters at risk of head injuries.

I suppose if I was being cynical, I might be tempted to ask what position Prof Pollock played while she was at school.

I sort of agree with her. From my memories of playing rugby at school, the game would be infinitely more enjoyable without all that shoulder-to-shoulder jostling, and pulling your opponents down with your hands.

But I don't think Prof Pollock goes far enough. To make rugby the sort of game I would have enjoyed, they need to ban handling the ball, and all that nonsense where they touch the ball on a line and then pick it up again. In fact, get rid of all those complicated rules that a 14-year-old has no chance of understanding. A round ball would make sense, too.

A CROWD of supporters chant Jeremy Corbyn's name, and he is hailed as the next prime minister. Theresa May has a cough, and it's time to resign. I guess that's the age of television for you.

TALKING of television, isn't it amazing that, at a time when we have more channels than ever before, that there really is so little worth watching?

There are only two programmes I would take the time to bother with these days: The Apprentice, and Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away, which the broadcasters are now screening at the same time.

In the past, this would not have been a problem, because I would have recorded one on the old VHS player, but this has proved near-impossible since the digital switchover. They call this progress.

Well at least you get what you want for anniversary gift



Mayor Sadiq Khan plans to create zones where all solid fuels are banned



Feisty Scottish Tory leader Ruth Davidson wants to take the fight to Jeremy Corbyn



Jeremy Corbyn – still plenty of scope for backbench problems to confront him

More saying I Do to self-marriages

THE latest development in matrimony is self-marriage. Described as "a symbolic and feminist act," it brings all the benefits of a traditional wedding (pretty frock, bridesmaids, big party, etc) without the complication of a partner. The bride simply pledges to love, cherish and respect herself. You may mock but self-marriages seem to last. The Times reports that one self-married lady in Vancouver got engaged to someone else but realised it was a mistake, broke it off and remains happily married to herself. Well, good luck to them all, even if their wedding anniversaries must be a tad predictable. "You bought me a what? It's just what I wanted. How did you know?"

BEFORE the blood had even dried, some survivors of this week's Las Vegas massacre were singing the praises of the US Constitution which declares: "A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed." And if the aim of guns-for-all is to create a militia, then simple logic says the people must be permitted not only shotguns and sporting rifles but military-grade weapons like the ones unleashed by Stephen Paddock.

THERE is really no point in us Brits engaging the US gun lobby in America's guns debate. We think they are bonkers. They think we are wimps. After every massacre, the response of thousands of Americans is always the same. Buy more guns. About 30,000 Americans are killed by guns every year and yet still in millions of US hearts beats the notion that guns make

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you safer. Over the past 40 years the number of guns owned by US citizens has doubled to more than 300 million. It is believed there are now more guns in the United States than people.

NOTHING in life is simple. London's mayor Sadiq Khan plans to create zones where all solid fuels, including wood used in trendy log-burners, are banned. And who can argue with that? In a huge city like London, there are clean alternatives such as gas and electricity. But the capital is also famous for its pizza parlours. And how can you bake the perfect pizza without the traditional wood-fired oven? So what began as a common sense scheme to clean up the Great Wen has turned into an awkward little spat, with an ethnic dimension between Khan and the Piza, Pasta and Italian Food Association. From a Guardian debate on wood burning I liked this reassuring contribution: "The pizza absorbs all the poisons, then you eat it. So yeah, it's fine."

IF the Conservatives are looking for new inspiration, or for a new leader, they must surely look North. Ruth Davidson, the feisty Scottish Tory leader, is a bundle of energy with a sharp sense of humour. She wants to take the fight to Jeremy Corbyn and I cannot name anyone more

calculated to put the fear of God into the Corbynites. How would Labour claim to speak for diversity and inclusivity when their leader was male, pale and stale but the new Tory leader was a young Scottish lass in a same-sex relationship? Davidson ticks boxes, scares the socialists and is 30 years younger than Mr Corbyn.

CORBYN has proclaimed Labour is now the mainstream political party. But he should beware. There are plenty of orthodox non-left wing Labour MPs and activists who deplore the threats of the Momentum faction to get rid of those Members who do not toe the party line. So there remains plenty of scope for backbench problems to confront Corbyn.

LET me say at the outset that there is nothing remotely funny about ramblers being chased and bitten by free-ranging pigs in the New Forest a few days ago. The pigs were said to be "out for trouble, like a gang of teenagers." But the quote that made me smile came from the bitten walker who explained the background: "I had been warned there had been some friction between the pigs and the ponies." Anyone else thinking of Animal Farm?

PLAIN English department. Uniper, the company demolishing an old power station in Shropshire, says it will keep the local council and residents fully informed. One councillor responded: "It is extremely encouraging to hear of Uniper's commitment to undertake proactive stakeholder communications." Seriously, does anyone actually talk like this, going forward?

TALKING POINT



Snacks at school? Let's just roll with it

CAN you imagine the outrage when Greggs put up the prices of its sausage rolls last week?

It could add food to the fuel of bosses at Shirley Manor Primary in Bradford, however, which has banned the savoury snacks, along with pork pies and pepperoni sticks from school lunchboxes.

It has even gone so far as asking children to reveal the contents of their packed lunch before being allowed to tuck in. One has visions of an I'm A Celebrity... contestant showing the insides of their mouths to prove they've eaten the live cockroach for a bushtucker trial.

The school says it is to encourage healthy eating and a more physical lifestyle. But if any prohibited items are discovered the packed lunch can be taken away. How can that be good for them?

The move has been branded ridiculous by parents, who say the school should stick to teaching the children. They add the decision-makers do not take into account fussy eaters and claim they, more than any school, should know what their child likes and doesn't like.

Rightly so, in my opinion. Surely a healthy appetite just doesn't mean eating food that is supposedly good for you.

The problem I suspect, is more a health and safety issue. You see, when I was at school, dining ate into just 10 minutes of our lunch period. The rest of the time, like at other breaks, we were running around the playground, letting off steam, burning off calories, something that all youngsters should be allowed to do.

But with today's health and safety rules, it seems that the powers-that-be are scared to let children play and run around – despite being warned against obesity and a sedentary lifestyle – in case they fall over or bump into someone else and hurt themselves.

Accidents can occur at any time and in all walks of life. Surely encouraging children to be just that, while advocating the benefits of sport, would be more beneficial than telling them that they can't tuck into the buffet at Christmas.

Calls have even been made for youngsters to be banned from tackling in rugby for fear of injuries. How ridiculous! It's a key part of the game and is as much a skill as being able to sidestep a player. Surely a ban would surely reduce the game as a spectacle.

Anyone taking part in any activity would know the risks involved. So, can we just let our children grow up, educate them, teach them right from wrong and encourage them to get out and enjoy themselves more?

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No need for market to move from Digbeth

IN a recent edition of your paper, you reported that the relocation of Walsall market to the Bridge is back on the agenda. Why?

What is wrong with the original site in Digbeth where there is adequate space with little disruption and where it was situated for hundreds of years.

Have any of the people who make these decisions walked across the Bridge recently, not only is it an ob-

stacle course, also one may think they are in a Third World country. It's filthy and a disgrace to the town (by the way, what's going to happen to Sister Dora, shunted down some side street?)

I'd have thought the centre of a town should be a place of civic pride, not a rubbish dump, surely what it will end up as. But this is nothing new to Walsall, over the years, the powers-that-be have destroyed the town of any charac-

ter it had. Buildings of any note have gone and been replaced by glorified sheds.

I could go on, but the letter would be too long. I supposed it could be argued that it's progress - some progress and myself and like-minded contemporaries accused of living in the past.

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Democracy should be considered

I'VE been following quite closely the debate in your letters columns on Brexit.

Up until now the debate seems to have almost entirely concentrated on the economic aspects of leaving the EU. However there are other equally important aspects of the issue that should be considered, most importantly democracy.

The EU is totally lacking in several features that any healthy democracy should possess. Firstly none of the law making bodies or individuals are directly elected.

It's obviously impossible for any central law making bodies to represent the interests of these diverse areas.

Finally and most importantly no one gives a damn about EU democracy. At the last elections for the EU assembly in 2014 only 34 per cent of the British public bothered to vote; and 14 per cent of those voted for UKIP. EU democracy is an empty shell based on apathy. Let's get our sovereignty back and transfer power to bodies the British public really identify with.

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Gobbledygook letter

T MILWARD's letter of September 28 is a mind-boggling example of how to get a huge amount of gobbledygook into a relatively short space. He says that an increase in money supply causes inflation and price rises are the result.

Sorry but I had always thought, like every other commentator on economics, that the fall in the pound had increased our import prices which along with price increases in fuel, etc, caused our inflation.

I suggest he takes his argument up with the Governor of the Bank of England, not me. I am not sure what point he was trying to make but perhaps he has been reading Economics for Dummies after a Few Pints.

ROGER WATTS
Walsall

Brexitwerps in firing line

AS your columns constantly refer to remoaners, can I mention Brexitwerps, those who never admit billions were invested into the UK thanks to our EU membership.

They are still accepting Boris Johnson's blatant lies about the £350m he said would come to the NHS and they are unable to calculate that per head of population we export five times more to the EU than they export to us.

ROGER WATTS
Walsall

Bomb not problem to keep peace

THE Labour Party Conference has inevitably raised again the question of Trident.

As usual, cost and the horrific nature of nuclear weapons is at the forefront of the demand to scrap it.

The bomb is a horrible weapon, a manifestation of the worst aspects of human nature. But it cannot be un-invented. Unilateral disarmament by one of more states will not make the world a safer place.

A report in 2016 by a consortium of nuclear scientists showed that any of the major powers could easily remake a nuclear warhead within months.

The best defence against the nuclear weapon is another nuclear weapon.

Disarmers have to be admired for their devotion but one is in awe at their stubborn denial of futility. Mutually assured destruction has proved to be the best strategy for preventing the use of the ultimate weapon. Despite their childish rhetoric, both Trump and Kim know this.

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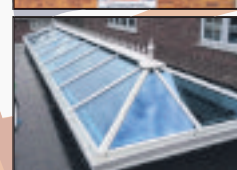
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A COMPANY-wide charity birthday party to mark the centenary of Willenhall's AF Blakemore & Son raised more than £82,000 for good causes.

Events were held at the wholesale group's office sites and depots and at Spar convenience stores that are part of Blakemore Retail. Across England and Wales employees took part in around 300 celebratory events.

The store staff raised £76,000 for Blakemore Retail's charity partner, the NSPCC, while colleagues across the rest of A.F. Blakemore's sites fundraised for charities of their choice. Good causes supported included Compton Hospice, Wolverhampton and the Make a Wish Foundation.

There were fancy dress days, barbecues, cake sales, raffles, fair stalls, sports games, sponsored bike rides and karaoke.

A company-wide baking competition was held and an inter-depot lorry pull competition took place across the company's distribution centres.

New speed cameras hope

SPEED enforcement cameras could be rolled out across the Black Country following a successful trial in other areas of the region.

West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner David Jamieson says he is in talks with councils in Dudley, Walsall, Sandwell and Wolverhampton to see if they are willing to part-fund the scheme. It follows a pilot scheme in Birmingham and Solihull, which police say has led to a marked reduction in speeding.

Combined with mobile units and smart motorway cameras, the average speed cameras issued £8 million in fines over the trial period, which is due to continue until February next year.

There are currently 160 mobile camera sites across the West Midlands.

A report to the force's Strategic Crime and Policing board noted a dramatic increase in recorded offences in the first two months that the cameras went live. The number of offences detected rose from 4,000 in July to 12,000 in August and around 8,500 in September. However, the report shows that by October the number of offences had fallen 'back to normality' at around the 4,500 mark.

Mr Jamieson, who is an advocate of average speed cameras, said: "Speed is one of the biggest causes of deaths on the road and one of the biggest issues that local people raise with me. What we are doing now is talking to the other councils, to see if they also want that type of speeding enforcement."

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Nine-year-old, Billy Baynham, with a burger cake as part of the bake off at Bloxwich Academy for Macmillan

A GREAT British bake off competition was held at a local primary school to raise money for cancer research.

A total of £650 was made for Macmillan Cancer Support at Bloxwich Academy Primary School where there were 52 entries into the competition which was then cut down to six finalists.

Teaching Assistant, Lisa McCarthy aged 38 from Bloxwich, proposed the idea for a bake off competition.

She said: "We had so many entries, we ran out of space and had to get

more tables. I came up with the idea because I love the bake off, it's a show for all the family so we wanted to get everyone involved.

"A lot of us in school have been affected by cancer and it affects the whole family, I wanted to do it for my mum. We're hoping to do a lot more in school and we are hoping next year will be bigger and better. This is the biggest scale we've done this on."

Headteacher of the primary school, Joanne Gray, started there in September and judged the cakes alongside Ian Chamberlain, the deputy head of the senior school, on taste and appearance. She said: "We wanted to raise

money to support Macmillan because of the amazing work that they do and bring the people of Bloxwich together to the academy in the heart of it.

"The school was very full and we're pleased about the amount we raised but it was a tough job to judge all the cakes, there were a lot and the standard was very high."

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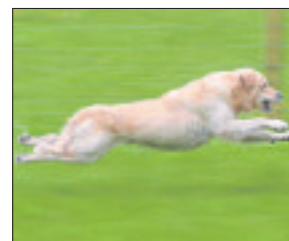
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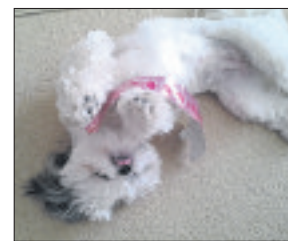
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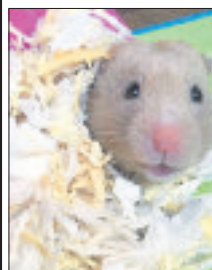
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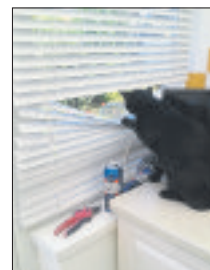
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Pupils given food tips by rugby star

STUDENTS from a Black Country school were given advice on healthy eating by former England rugby World Cup winner Matt Dawson.

The pupils from Q3 Academy in Great Barr listened in on Matt's advice during a trip to Ascot Racecourse, where he gave his view on food and fitness from a top sportsman's perspective.

As guests of their school's caterer Sodexo, the students made the journey as part of an annual showpiece event called Salon Culinaire.

Year 10 student Nick, aged 14, said the advice made him think about his future calorie intake. He said: "I have found it very insightful. All round, it was a very good day."

They also got a taste for what it is like to work as chef and had the opportunity to hear from James Tanner, who regularly appears on ITV's morning programme Lorraine.

Report to assess whether ISIS convert is dangerous

A JUDGE has asked for a report to be compiled to see if a Muslim convert radicalised at his home in the Black Country is dangerous, a court heard.

Ismael Watson, formerly known as Jack, has been found guilty of trying to fight for ISIS in Syria.

The 27-year-old, who lived in Walsall, was intercepted by Turkish

authorities and deported to the UK after vowing to carry out terrorist atrocities during encrypted chats with undercover MI5 agents.

He flew to Turkey and tried to cross the border between January 1 last year and February 23 this year.

Watson, of no fixed address but last living in Walsall, admitted trying to fight for ISIS but denied preparing to commit acts of terrorism, claiming the UK's courts cannot judge him.

However, the terrorist, who re-

fused to attend court and was not represented, was found guilty by an Old Bailey. He came before the court again for a brief hearing, with Judge Anuja Dhir QC giving him another chance to co-operate with probation workers before he is sentenced on November 1.

A probation officer will assess whether Watson is 'dangerous' before the sentencing hearing.

Watson became 'quickly radicalised' after watching ISIS videos online in 2015.

Co-op sees sales increase to £460m

STRONG financial results for the first half of the year have been unveiled by Central England Co-op, which has branches in Dudley, West Bromwich, Oldbury, Burntwood, Great Barr, Stafford and Rugeley.

Across its 400 stores, the business saw sales rise by 2.6 per cent to £460.2 million. Trading profit of £11.9m was better than expected but still £1m less than at the same point last year due to improved staff pay and other costs.

The Co-op also distributed £2.6m among its members, workforce and the community.

It opened five new food stores and four funeral homes, refitting a further 25 sites during the first six months of the year, as part of £19.2m of investment.

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Comedian Stokes joins big names at fundraiser

STAFFORDSHIRE-BORN comedian Chris Stokes is joining a star-studded line-up at a fundraiser in aid of a crusading US comic.

Chris, from Great Wyrley, will share the bill with such names as singers Billy Bragg and Charlotte Church and comedians Josie Long, Mark Thomas, Robin Ince and James Acaster.

The event is in aid of Barry Crimmins, a campaigning comedian who has spent his life fighting for others and now needs help raising money for his wife's cancer treatment.

Helen Crimmins has ovarian and cervical cancer, and although she has health insurance, it does not cover all her costs under the American healthcare system. She set up a crowdfunding campaign to raise \$25,000.

Awestruck

Chris explained: "Barry Crimmins is quite possibly one of the most unsung heroes of comedy. And not just comedy, but of the world."

"I first became awestruck by his stand-up when I discovered what the whole art form was as a teenager in the 90s and then subsequently became awestruck by him as I learned more about his tireless work offstage."

"When I started to really discover stand-up comedy and its wonders, almost everyone deified Bill Hicks but, say it quietly, I always preferred Barry Crimmins. That was even before I learned about his courageous activism."

"Unfortunately, he is now in a really bad situation. That he cannot personally care for his seriously ill partner Helen because he is having to take to the road so that he can afford to pay



Great Wyrley comic Chris Stokes



Charlotte Church is on the bill



James Acaster also features



Singer Billy Bragg

for her care is a cruel paradox borne out of a system which does not see the importance of free health care.

"So the brilliant and outstandingly generous Robin Ince has put together a hell of a bill for a fundraising gig to help Barry and Helen."

Robin said: "We decided we should put on a benefit to try to make sure

that Barry doesn't have to keep leaving Helen to go on the road to pay for her treatment when they should be together during this time."

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Golden girl Ellie backing campaign



Paralympian Ellie Simmonds is among the celebrities urging people to 'do their thing' for Children In Need

PARALYMPIC golden girl Ellie Simmonds has backed Children in Need's latest fundraiser. Ellie, aged 22, has urged people to 'do their thing' to raise cash for charity.

People can don fancy dress for clothes swaps, complete fun runs or host bake sales or sponsored silences. Money raised will help children and young people in communities across the UK facing a range of disadvantages such as living in poverty, being disabled or ill, or experiencing distress, neglect or trauma.

Ellie, from Aldridge, said: "BBC Children in Need is back again and this year I want to see the whole of UK do their thing for the charity. Whether you want to run a marathon, challenge your colleagues to a bake off or wear fancy dress for the day, there are plenty of ways that you can raise money."

Other famous faces have backing the campaign include Matt Baker, Frankie Bridge, Jim Chapman, Tess Daly, Alex Jones, Scott Mills, Ore Oduba, Louise Pentland, Rachel Stevens, Joe Sugg and Matt Willis.

Police get armed up for 1,000 operations

WEST Midlands Police has launched more than 1,000 armed operations in the last six months as the force battles to contain the region's growing gang problem.

Chief Constable Dave Thompson said the 1,054 operations since April were a mix of intelligence-led swoops and spontaneous responses to incidents.

He said the figure represented a 'slight increase' on the same period last year, adding it highlighted the need to dismantle gang activity across the region. It came as the force announced 118 guns had been voluntarily surrendered to the police this year, including 37 operational guns and 28 imitation firearms.

Mr Thompson told a meeting of the Strategic Policing and Crime board that the number of firearms incidents across the region averaged around 170 a month.

He said a 'broader partnership effort' was needed between the police and other agencies. "We are doing a lot of work around disrupting and targeting offenders," he said, adding it

By Peter Madeley

was vital the force worked with young people in order to reduce gang activity.

Mr Thompson said there was no doubt the frequent use of guns can 'seriously undermine' community confidence.

"I would appeal to those who are concerned about things happening in their area to immediately contact us directly or through Crimestoppers," he said.

Police & Crime Commissioner David Jamieson said: "The upsurge in violent crime is an issue that requires us all to work together to tackle. Police alone cannot solve the issues."

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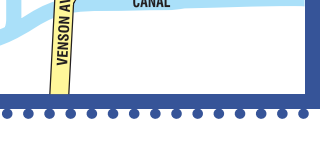
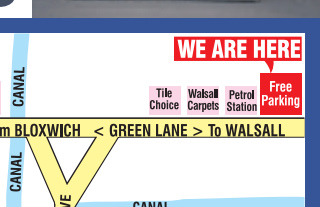
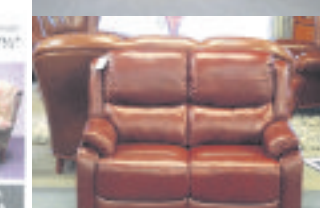
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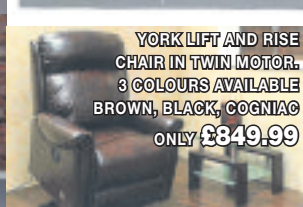
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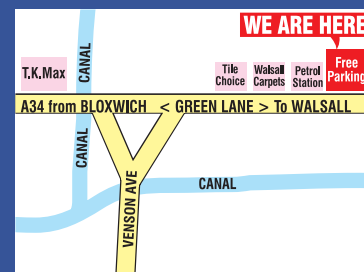
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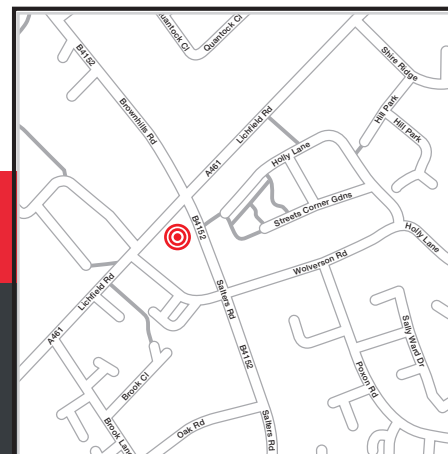
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Praises for school leadership

A HEADTEACHER has been praised by Ofsted for her 'inspired' leadership in helping to maintain high standards at a first school. The watchdog returned to Greenholm Primary in Great Barr for the first time in three years.

The school, in Greenholm Road, has around 400 pupils on the roll and was rated Good overall in 2014 while the behaviour of students was graded 'Outstanding'.

Her Majesty's inspector Mark Sims attended the school on September 19 and has subsequently written to headteacher Gill Turner to praise standards.

He said: "Under your inspired direction, the leadership team has maintained the good quality of education.

"You have ensured a strong focus on improving teaching and learning through effective training of staff, including newly qualified teachers.

Almost all staff and the very large majority of parents who responded to surveys agree that the school is well led.

"The school provides a very positive learning environment."

He also highlighted improvements made since its positive report in 2014.

Fire rages at derelict pub on busy route



Crews tackle the blaze at the old Rising Sun on the A5 at Brownhills

FIRE crews tackled a 'severe' blaze at a disused pub site – with a nearby road closed due to smoke coming from the scene.

Crews battled to get the fire at the Rising Sun, on the A5 Chester Road, in Brownhills, under control after being called to the scene at 3.30pm last Wednesday. The cause is yet to be determined.

Three fire engines attended the scene, where a blaze broke out on the first floor. Despite its seriousness, crews were only able to tackle it from the outside due to the unsafe nature of the building, a West Midlands Fire Service spokesman said.

The surrounding area was been closed off due to the volume of smoke coming from the blaze, which the spokesperson described as 'severe'.

Motorists were hit with delays of up to 20 minutes as the battle to bring the blaze

under control escalated, with the road closed between Rising Sun and Turf Island in both directions.

The Burntwood and Cannock Chase Community First Responders took to Facebook live to share pictures from the scene, as well as a live video that showed firefighters using hose reels to tackle the blaze from the outside.

Firefighters have not been able confirm if the blaze was deliberate or not.

Thieves

Since closing in 2008, the Rising Sun has been subject to numerous cases of vandalism. Metal thieves have repeatedly targeted the building, the biggest raid happening in April when a £2,500 trail of damage was left behind.

Before its closure, The Rising Sun was one of the longest-established pubs in the West Midlands. It is believed there has been a pub at the site since 1769.

Focus on best ales

SOME of the region's best brews will be highlighted at a two-day beer festival taking place next week.

Lichfield Arts is staging the event next Friday and Saturday, from noon onwards each day at the Guildhall in Bore Street. More than 30 real ales and ciders from local and regional breweries will be featured. Admission is £2 before 6pm.

Vehicle thefts up in West Midlands

VEHICLE thefts have increased in the West Midlands by more than 40 per cent. New figures show there were 5,930 vehicle thefts in 2016.

This was up from 4,161 in 2013. Only in London were there more vehicle thefts – 26,496 in 2016.

The figures come after Police and Crime Commissioner David Jamieson called for 'tough police action' to reduce the number of vehicle thefts.

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A rise in thefts of Ford Transit vans in the West Midlands was also revealed this month.

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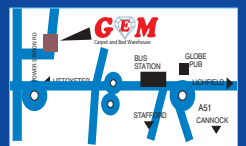
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Cowboy builder is jailed for botched £21k refurb

UNSECURED roof tiles, disconnected drain pipes and gaps underneath the roof.

These pictures show the terrible end result of a £21,000 refurbishment of a home.

The botched job landed builder Michael Doody in prison this week. But the 50-year-old's project has also devastated his victim, pensioner Jennifer Hubbard, who has yet to move back in the home.

She must spend £14,700 on correcting the work left behind by Doody, of Hobley Street, Willenhall.

At Doody's sentencing, Mrs Hubbard, aged 67, spoke of the impact from the work.

Mrs Hubbard said: "Michael Doody managed to transform my home from a house in need of some modernising into an uninhabitable shell that is also unmortgageable."

"I was left with no water, no heating, unsafe staircase and unsafe electrics."

Family

"Having already paid Michael Doody £21,000, I do not have the money to pay for the necessary repairs with the view of selling on the open market or to a family member."

"Two years on, this situation is still ongoing as the house has had to be gutted."

"I should now be living in a fully renovated home which has been the family home for several years and enjoying my retirement, the opposite has happened."

"The house has lost its heart and I weep every time I go by it."

Mrs Hubbard says the experience has left her in poor health. Councillor Steve Evans, cabinet member for city



A view of the botched roof tile work



The rear of the property



Builder's debris scattered across the flat roof of the pensioner's home

environment, said: "To say he was a cowboy builder would be an understatement."

"All Mrs Hubbard, a pensioner, wanted was a few home improvements and he left her living out of one room without central heating or running water. He chose to offer no defence in court, which speaks volumes."

"Thanks to the excellent work of our trading standards team he has now been brought to justice for his actions and rightly named and shamed."

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Miss England Gemma muscles in with new gym

PEOPLE wanting to get into prize-winning shape need look no further for inspiration after the runner-up in a Miss Universe competition opened a new gym.

Gemma Lancaster, aged 33, from Great Wyrley, has decided to jump head first into her latest venture, the Extreme Legacy Gym, which opened on Landywood Enterprise Park at the weekend.

The body builder, who recently took first prize in the Manitoba Amateur Body Building Association Miss England competition, has said she will take a 'very hands-on' approach to running the gym.

She said: "I have recently moved back to Great Wyrley after living in Essex for a number of years, I wanted to be closer to my friends and family."

Gemma, who has more than 1,000 followers on her Instagram account 'the she beast' is travelling to Budapest next month for another competition.

She said: "Competing is something I am very proud of and I have been quite successful in recent years, but I will keep going and trying to improve."



Body builder Gemma Lancaster

Travellers not above law – MP

AN MP claims residents across Walsall are 'at breaking point' as she prepares to take the borough's travellers plight to parliament.

After successfully calling for a Parliamentary debate on the issue of unauthorised traveller encampments, Aldridge-Brownhills MP Wendy Morton criticised itinerants who act 'above the law'.

The Conservative MP will call for the Government to strengthen the laws that help councils tackle unauthorised camps.

Flagrantly

She said: "It's time to strengthen the law to stop these encampments appearing, toughen up the punishment for those that so flagrantly break the law, and ensure that Government and local authorities come together with the police and the travelling community to find an approach that works for everyone."

"Sadly, it feels as though unauthorised encampments are now part and



An travellers' encampment at Aldridge Airport

parcel of summer life on so many of our open spaces. In their trail is mess and waste.

"Too often this is coupled with an increase in crime and anti-social behaviour, and increased tension within our communities."

A year ago Walsall Council secured an injunction providing greater power

to boot travellers off 12 sites in the borough but since then has seen other plots targeted more frequently with large encampments of more than 40 caravans doing the rounds at Aldridge Airport, Barr Beacon and Walsall Arboretum.

Mrs Morton added: "The right to lead a travelling lifestyle is an impor-



Wendy Morton MP

tant one, and must be respected, but the travelling community whom are very fond of reminding us of those rights must begin to learn that with rights come responsibilities.

"No single community should ever be above the law and the right to lead a travelling lifestyle should not equal the right to break the law."

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Neil: it's not so easy to write a hit record

Ever-green singer Neil Diamond will return to Birmingham to headline the city's Arena tonight and Genting Arena on Sunday. The star is celebrating his 50th anniversary, having last played Birmingham when he headlined the Genting Arena in 2015.

Having sold more than 130 million albums worldwide, Neil has an enviable back catalogue that includes Sweet Caroline, Cracklin' Rosie, Love on the Rocks and Forever in Blue Jeans.

Neil is delighted to be back on the road after taking a couple of years out from his regular touring work.

"This is my usual schedule. Every two or three years I go out there. But the reaction to this one has been a little different. We've put 50 cities on sale and the response has been way high. It's been very heartening to me. I've been doing this 50 years and to have an audience that's out there and anxious and enthusiastic is exciting."

He didn't imagine he'd have made it this far. Neil is all too aware that rock'n'roll careers seldom last into their 50th year and when he started out artists tended to just have two or three records. After that, they were bombed out by their record company and it was on to the next.

He's not the only one who's lasted the course, however. Nobody imagined The Rolling Stones would still be singing Satisfaction 50 years later.

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But Neil was part of a generation that also included other enduring stars, such as Mick Jagger, Paul McCartney, Bob Dylan and Brian Wilson. Before them, artists didn't have long careers – with very few exceptions.

Neil has a vast catalogue of work from which to choose when he is playing live. He usually finds the opening song and if that gets him excited, the rest of the show writes itself. There are ups and downs, valleys, left turns, quiet moments and bombastic moments. "You just keep adding songs and work from the song before it. Eventually you get to a point after two hours where you think, 'OK, let's wrap it'."

However, it's not all blockbuster tunes. Neil is keen to find space for newer cuts so that he can keep the show exciting for him and the rest of the band. He's also played songs by Leonard Cohen, Joni Mitchell and more.

But it's tunes like Sweet Caroline that the fans want – and it's a tune he's played more than 1,500 times live.

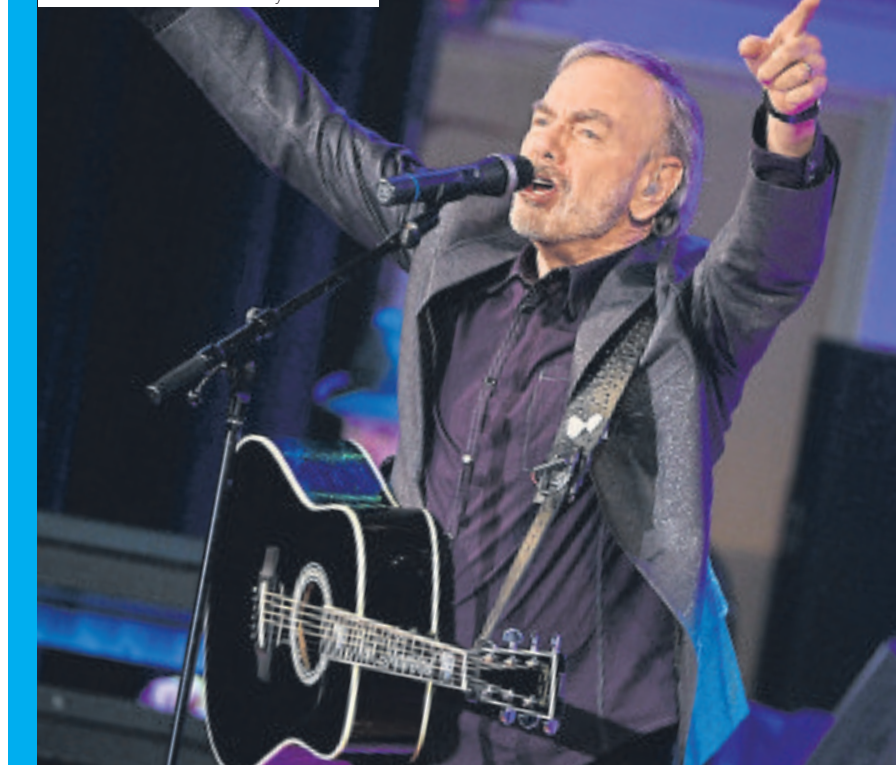
Neil's other ultra-popular songs are Cherry Cherry, Cracklin' Rose, I Am I Said, Brother's Love Travelling Salvation Show, Beautiful Noise, Holly Holy, Forever in Blue Jeans, America and You Don't Bring Me Flowers.

"I want to create a list of songs that I haven't done before. 'If You Go Away' is a definite candidate. 'Suzanne' is a definite candidate. I have a list, but I want to keep some of them surprises. There will be a bunch of additions to the set list. Hopefully they'll be accepted by people. If they are, we'll keep doing them."

The veteran songwriter is making the most



Forever in blue jeans – Neil's on his 50th anniversary tour



of his 50th anniversary and a career-spanning box set features 50 hand-picked songs from his career.

The star began his career as a Brill Building songwriter and wrote for Jay and the Americans, The Monkees and other stars. He was the brains behind I'm a Believer and A Little Bit Me, a Little Bit You, among many others.

Stars flocked to play his music, with his work covered by musicians including Elvis Presley, Frank Sinatra, Johnny Cash and UB40, who turned his 1968 song Red Red Wine into a Number One in 1983.

While Neil has influenced many other stars, he was shaped by artists from a different era.

He loved Lonnie Donegan's Rock Island Line, The Everly Brothers' Bye Bye Love, The Rolling Stones' Satisfaction, Peter Paul and Mary's Blowin' In The Wind and Ritchie Valens' La Bamba.

During those early years, Neil had no real thought of becoming a singer. He wanted to go to medical school to become a scientist. However, he decided he wasn't smart enough

I've been doing it a long time now. I can't find another way to make a living

for that and instead he dropped out of New York University after his junior year to take a job on Tin Pan Alley. He was paid \$50 a week and it took eight years to write his first hit, Solitary Man, in 1966.

Despite his brilliance, he's never found it particularly easy to write a hit. He told an interviewer recently: "You would think that after all these years of writing I would have learnt to do it quickly and gracefully and easily, but it doesn't seem to work out that way."

"Every song is different, so it doesn't help me very much to have had years of experience. It's hard work, and it's not getting any easier."

"But all right, nobody told me it was gonna be easy. And so what? I'm a ditch-digger when I'm writing songs. My back hurts? Who cares? I gotta get that ditch dug deep and strong and it's gotta serve its purpose. There are no short cuts. There are only long cuts. That's what it is. But I've been doing it a long time now. I can't find another way to make a living."

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The Vryll Society from Liverpool



Vryll have licence to thrill in psychedelic triple bill

Gig of the week is a rare foray into the West Midlands for Liverpool's fast rising psychedelic rockers The Vryll Sociey.

The band who shared bills with Blossoms, The Coral and The Kooks recently released a single, Shadow Of A Wave, and the swaggering indie pop quintet have picked up a big following on Merseyside. They will be headlining a formidable triple bill at Wolverhampton's Newhampton Arts Centre next Thursday (October 19) warming up for the Ritual Union festival on Oxford's Cowley Road the following Saturday.

Also at this feast of psychedelia near Molineux will be Sweden's Josefin Öhrn + The Liberation and Sheffield heavy psych outfit Baba Naga.

Little Mix will be giving a shout out to their exes

at the Genting Arena tomorrow (Friday) before returning in November. That night rock fans may prefer Birmingham's Broken Witt Rebels at the Slade Rooms in Wolverhampton or 68 Guns outfit The Alarm at Birmingham O2 Academy. Young Pilgrims bring their brassy grooves to Wolverhampton's Arena Theatre on Saturday but it will be Brass In Pocket at the Symphony Hall on Sunday when Chrissie Hynde brings The Pretenders. Or end the weekend at Bilston for some Hocus Pocus with Dutch rockers Focus at the Robin 2.

Major gigs at the Symphony Hall include soul singer Michael Kiwanuka (Monday), Soft Cell's Marc Almond (Tuesday) and folk/rockers The Waterboys (next Thursday).

Bedlam looks at healing through arts



The healing power of art comes under the spotlight in Bedlam, Birmingham's third arts and mental health festival, which starts on Tuesday.

Shaped by people who have experienced mental ill health, the festival celebrates arts and wellbeing and is being held at venues across the city, chiefly Birmingham Repertory Theatre and the Mac in Cannon Hill Park.

The three-week festival features performance poet, Lemn Sissay, pictured, performing his one-man play Something Dark (October

24, Mac); poetry and dance event Kahaani (Oct 27, Mac); Birmingham actress Olivia Winteringham looks at love and grief and how the state of our minds can affect how we remember in Delightful (Oct 26-28, Birmingham Rep).

Charming family show The Girl and the Giraffe (Oct 24-26, Mac) uses puppetry to explore wellbeing and friendship from a child's perspective in matinee performances. A Wellbeing Discovery Day (Oct 22, Rep) will offer yoga, meditation, tai chi and a range of mindfulness activities for all ages.

Festival organiser Steve Ball, an

associate director at The Rep, said: "Evidence shows that the arts can have a positive impact on wellbeing yet there have been too few opportunities for people affected by mental ill health to engage with the arts. We hope that this festival will change that."

"Our inaugural festival in 2013 attracted 1,650 participants and audience members and increased to 2,408 in 2015. With the addition of new partners and venues the 2017 festival promises to be bigger than ever." Visit www.birmingham-rep.co.uk website.

Dance star Carlos brings Cuba's best

Dance superstar Carlos Acosta will make a guest appearance with his Acosta Danza troupe at Birmingham Hippodrome. The Havana-based company features dancers from Cuba gathered by the former Royal Ballet star to perform works by choreographers from Acosta's homeland, plus leading American and European dance creators. Debut is staged from Wednesday to Saturday (October 18-21). Contact Dance Company have been working with Wolverhampton's Mosaic Disability Theatre on dance duets being performed tomorrow (Friday), matinee and evening performances, in Two Fold at Wolverhampton's Arena Theatre. Lucy Suggate brings physical expression to the electronic music of James Holden in Pilgrim at the Hippodrome's Patrick Centre venue on October 20.

Halloween comes early to the Grand

Get into the Halloween spirit early when mirth and the macabre merge in The Addams Family musical, staged at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre from Tuesday to Saturday (October 17-21).

Rising star of stage Carrie Hope Fletcher, pictured, who is also massively popular on social media, will take on the iconic role of Wednesday Addams with Samantha Womack as her vampish mother Morticia and Les Dennis as ghoulish Uncle Fester.



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6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** The Heavy Bikers' Comfort Food. **12.00** The Football Focus. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Bargain Hunt. **2.00** 2.15 Money for Nothing. **2.45** **Film:** Gnomeo & Juliet. (2011) Animated comedy, with the voices of James McAvoy and Emily Blunt. **4.00** Final Score. **5.10** Escape to the Country. **5.40** BBC News. **5.50** Regional Programme.

6.00 Pointless Celebrities. Alexander Armstrong and Richard Osman present a family-themed of the general knowledge quiz, featuring Robert Lindsay, Merrill and Jay Osbourne, Richard Herring and Richard Blackwood.

6.45 Strictly Come Dancing. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman host as the 13 remaining couples once again take to the stage to demonstrate whether another week of training has paid off. As ever, head judge Shirley Ballas and her fellow panelists Darcey Bussell, Bruno Tonioli and Craig Rea-Fordwood will be asked to deliver their expert opinions on the stars' performances. At the end of the show, voting lines are opened for members of the public to have their say on the evening's routines, with the results being combined with the judges' scores in the next edition to determine which of the competitors will be going head-to-head in the dance-off.

8.40 Casualty. Agnes learns the truth about Connie's illness, and she blackmails him into performing an urgent surgical procedure on her. Meanwhile, Alicia pines ahead of her driving test.

9.30 Mrs Brown's Boys. Agnes is excited about Rory and Dino's big day, until she meets their fiancée's smart wedding planner, while Father Damien raises concerns about the ceremony. (R)

10.00 BBC News: Weather; National Lottery Update.

10.20 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Liverpool v Manchester United at Anfield and Crystal Palace v Chelsea at Selhurst Park.

11.45 The NFL Show. Mark Chapman looks at the major stories shaping the world.

12.15 Film: Reasonable Doubt. (2014) **1.35** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.40** BBC News.

6.15 **How We Won the War.** (R) **6.45** **Animal Park Summer Special.** (R) **7.30** **Nature's Nightmares of Nature.** (R) **8.00** **Deadly 60.** (R) **8.30** **Show Me What You're Made Of.** (R) **9.00** **Saturday Mash-Up!** **11.00** **Mountain Lions – Big Cats in High Places.** **Natural World.** (R) **12.00** **Rock Stein's Long Weekends.** (R) **1.00** **Coast.** (R) **2.30** **Grand Tours of the Scottish Islands.** **2.30** **India: Nature's Wonderland.** (R) **3.30** **Flog It!** (R) **4.30** **Mastermind.** (R) **5.00** **The Big Family Cooking Showdown.** (R)

6.00 **Anglesey: Island Life.** Two descendants of the first Marquess of Anglesey revisit their childhood home, while the head of the Anglesey Druid Order celebrates summer solstice.

6.30 **Gardeners' World.** Monty Don adds raspberries to his fruit garden, divides and moves herbaceous perennials and advises on the best bulbs to plant for cut flowers next year. (R)

7.30 **Front Row.** Giles Coren and his guests discuss some of this week's cultural highlights, and Samira Ahmed interviews Kate Winslet about romance-disaster film *The Affair*. Between Ann Ochota

8.00 **Britain Aloft.** Mary-Ann Ochota's documentary continues as she turns attention to narrow boats, which helped power Britain's industrial revolution, and shaped the lives of canal workers.

8.30 **Dad's Army.** Sergeant Wilson is appointed manager of the Eastgate branch of the bank. Comedy, starring John Le Mesurier. (R)

9.00 **Lucy Worsley's Nights at the Opera.** Part one of two. The history of some of the world's greatest operas, from beginning with the political climate behind famous works by Monteverdi, Mozart, Beethoven and Verdi.

10.00 **Live at the Apollo.** With Joe Lycett and Phil Wang. (R)

10.30 **Later – with Joins Holland.** With Robert Plant, St Vincent, Nick Mulvey, Kelela and John Moreland.

11.35 **Film: The British Guide to Showing Off.** (2011) Part-animated documentary about Andrew Logan's *Alternative Miss World* show, celebrating some of the most memorable contestants featured over the 40 years of the event.

1.05 **Film: The Hunters.** (1996) **3.00** **This is BBC Two.**

7.00 CIVETS: Sooty. **6.10** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. **(R)** **6.20** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. **(R)** **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. **(R)** **6.45** Super D. **(R)** **7.00** Mission Employable. **(R)** **7.05** Oddbods. **(R)** **7.10** Ultimate Spider-Man: Web Warriors. **7.30** Scrambled! Scrambled! Scrambled! **7.40** The Tom and Jerry Show. **(R)** **7.50** Scrambled! **7.55** Fangbone. **(R)** **8.10** Scrambled! **8.15** The Powerpuff Girls. **(R)** **8.30** Scrambled! **8.35** Thunderbirds Are Go. **9.05** Scrambled! **9.25** Adventure Time. **9.25** TV News. **9.30** Saturday Morning with James Martin. **11.25** Gino's Italian Escape—Islands in the Sun. **(R)** **11.55** TV News. **12.00** The Chase: Celebrity Special. **12.05** The Chase: Six Chair Challenge. **(R)** **1.30** TV Racing: Live from Newmarket. Coverage of today's race meetings at Newmarket and York. **4.15** Thunderbirds Are Go. **(R)** **4.45** Little Big Shots. **(R)** **5.45** Regional Programs & Weather. **5.55** TV News. **Weather**.

6.15 Cannonball. Andrew Flintoff hosts the action-packed game show, in which contestants tackle a series of increasingly difficult, and often claustrophobic, challenges in the hope of claiming the Cannonball Cup.

7.15 **The Chase: Celebrity Special.** New series. The star-studded version of the quiz show returns, as Christian O'Connell, Carrie Grant, Naomi Wilkinson and Dave Johns take on one of the show's resident experts.

8.15 **The X Factor: Six Chair Challenge.** The third grade Six Chair Challenge phase of the contest reaches its midway point, as the performers each take to the stage individually, in a bid to win one of the six seats on the stage—and at place in the Judges' Houses round. However, even those performers who manage to claim a chair are not safe, as judges Simon Cowell, Louis Walsh, Sharon Osbourne and Nicole Scherzinger all retain the right to evict previously selected contestants in favour of acts that follow, and host Dermot O'Leary is on hand to console those unfortunate performers who find themselves giving up their place to another contestant.

10.15 **The Jonathan Ross Show.** The host is joined by guests Stormzy, Annette Bening and Jamie Bell.

11.20 TV News. **Weather.**

11.40 Film: **The Last Boy Scout.** (1991)

1.30 Jackpot247. **3.00** The Hungry Sailors. **(R)** **3.50** TV Nightseries.

15.15 Marathon: Yorkshire. **7.10** Everybody Loves Raymond. (**R**) **7.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (**R**) **8.00** Frasier. (**R**) **8.25** Frasier. (**R**) **8.55** Frasier. (**R**) **9.30** The Big Bang Theory. **9.55** The Big Bang Theory. **10.25** The Big Bang Theory. **10.50** The Simpsons. (**R**) **11.20** The Simpsons. (**R**) **11.50** Come Dine with Me. (**R**) **12.25** Come Dine with Me. (**R**) **12.55** Come Dine with Me. (**R**) **1.25** Come Dine with Me. (**R**) **1.55** Come Dine with Me. (**R**) **2.30** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. (**R**) **3.30** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. (**R**) **4.30** Best Laid Plans. **5.35** Location, Location, Location. (**R**)

6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Rivers with Jeremy Paxman. The presenter and fishing enthusiast travels along four of England's great rivers, and discovers their history, traditions and wildlife. The first episode follows the Tweed along the English-Scottish border, where he helps to shear Cheviot sheep, tags osprey chicks, goes in search of Merlin's grave and discovers the origins of famous border ballads. (**R**)

8.00 Britain's Ancient Tracks with Tony Robinson. Time-hunter Tony Robinson embarks on a final track along one of Britain's ancient byways. This time, having previously travelled along a Bronze Age trackway, he turns his attention to a relatively modern route. Originally a Roman road, Dere Street stretched from York through to the Central Belt of Scotland, but its Roman name has been lost to history. Passing north through Hadrian's Wall, Tony contemplates the ancient night sky, braves the roar of a Celtic horn, and mixes medieval potions. Last in the series.

9.00 Film: Non-Stop. (2014) An Air marshal on a transatlantic flight receives mysterious messages in an anonymous, terrorist threatening to kill one passenger every 20 minutes unless a ransom is paid. He searches the plane for the criminals responsible, but his investigation is threatened when he is framed as being the mastermind behind the plot. Action thriller, starring Liam Neeson, Julianne Moore and Luptia Nyong'o.

11.05 Film: Tower Heist. (2011) Crime comedy, starring Ben Stiller.

1.00 The Last Leg. (**R**) **1.55** Hollyoaks.

4.05 Building the Dream. (**R**)

6.00 Milkshake! **10.20** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.55** The Gadget Show. (R) **11.45** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.40** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.40** The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R) **2.40** The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R) **3.40** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. (R) **4.40** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. (R) **5.35** News Weekend. **6.40** Film: A Bridge Too Far. (1977) Fact-based Second World War drama, with Dirk Bogarde.

9.00 Football on 5: The Championship Colin Murray introduces highlights from the weekend's games, including Fullam v Preston North End at Craven Cottage, Leeds United v Reading at Elland Road, and Wolverhampton Wanderers v Aston Villa at Molineux.

9.45 Football on 5: Goal Rush. Colin Murray introduces all the goals from the weekend's games in Leagues One and Two, including Fleetwood Town v Rochdale at Highbury Stadium, and Luton Town v Stevenage at Kenilworth Road.

10.15 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. The drama returns with a case about a young girl who, apparently, has been abducted, a fate that befell her adoptive parents' biological daughter 10 years previously. (R)

11.10 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. Benson and Stabler are called to the hospital after the reported rape of a 10-year-old girl, and a media frenzy is sparked when another victim comes forward. (R)

12.05 SuperCasino. Viewers get the chance to bet in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. **3.10** The EastEnders Murderers: True Crime, Real Tragedy. A documentary exploring the stories behind the deaths of Gemma McCluskie and Sian Blake, who were both stars of one of Britain's best-loved soaps. **EastEnders** (R) **4.10** The EastEnders Murderers: True Crime, Real Tragedy. A documentary exploring the stories behind the deaths of Gemma McCluskie and Sian Blake, who were both stars of one of Britain's best-loved soaps. **Our Secret World.** Nine-year-old Jack Joe decides he is old enough to move into his own trailer. Frannie, Johnny and Margaret attend the funeral of their grandfather Simey Doherty. Last in the series. (R) **4.50** Divine Designs. St Sophia's Greek Orthodox Cathedral, London. (R) **5.20** Wildlife SOS. The world of an ancient Chinese dish: 45 Chinese Food in Minutes. Two estate agents learn how to make classic oriental dishes. (R)

7.00 **Blue Four**
7.00 The Incredible Human Journey **8.00**
Wild China 9.00 **Became Buried Alive 10.25**
Became Room 302 11.55 **The Top of the Pops:**
1984 12.35 **Big Hits: TOTP 1964 to 1975**
2.00 **Wild China 3.00** **Close**

ITV2
12.20 **Take Me Out 1.35** **You've Been Framed! Top 100 Kids 2.35** **The X Factor: Six Chair Challenge 4.05** **Film: Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (2010) 5.05** **Film Daily 5.10** **Film: Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (2010) 5.45** **Film: Liar Liar (1997) 6.45** **Film Daily 6.50** **Film: Liar Liar (1997) 7.30** **Film: The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (2014) 8.30** **Film Daily 8.35** **Film: The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (2014) 10.15** **Celebrity Juice 11.05** **Family Guy 12.25** **American Dad! 12.55** **Newsfirsters 1.55** **Bromans 2.50** **Teleshopping 5.50** **ITV2 Nightscreen**

ITV3
12.00 **Lewis 2.00** **Rosemary & Thyme 3.30** **Foyle's War 4.00** **Midsomer Murders 11.00** **Lewis 11.05** **On the Buses 2.00** **ITV3 Nightscreen 2.30** **Teleshopping**

ITV4
1.05 **Store Wars 2.05** **Film: The Way West (1967) 3.05** **Film Daily 3.10** **Film: The Way West (1967) 4.30** **Film: Jeremiah Johnson (1972) 5.30** **Film Daily 5.35** **Film: Jeremiah Johnson (1972) 6.05** **Hornblower 9.00** **Film: Pale Rider (1985) 10.00** **Film Daily 10.05** **Film: Pale Rider (1985) 11.20** **Film: Se7en (1995) 12.20** **Film Daily 12.25** **Film: Se7en (1995) 2.00** **The Classic Car Show 2.50** **ITV4 Nightscreen 3.00** **Teleshopping**

E4
11.30 **The Goldbergs 2.00** **The Big Bang Theory 3.00** **Don't Let the Bride 4.00** **The Great British Bake Off 5.15** **The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice 6.00** **The Big Bang Theory 9.00** **Film: The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - part 2 (2012) 10.20** **Goolebox 1.30** **The Inbetweeners 2.35** **Rude Tube 3.25** **Goolebox 4.20** **How I Met Your Mother 5.05** **Rude(fish) Tube**

Film4
11.00 **Sunshine on Leith (2013) 1.00** **Stuart Little 2 (2002) 2.30** **Titanic (1997) 6.15** **The Hunger Games (2012) 9.00** **Wild (2014) A woman attempts to turn her life around by embarking on an epic, solo trek across America's Pacific Crest Trail. Drama based on a true story. Starring Jesse Whitehouse. 11.20** **Everly (2014) 1.10** **Blue Ruin (2014) 3.05** **Close**

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Victoria (ITV, 9pm)
Albert resents Lehen's influence over the queen, and fears she is putting the health of their children at risk. The prince also unwittingly creates problems for Peel, who is facing the most important battle of his political career as he takes a stand against the corn laws. However, the embattled prime minister discovers that Albert has played into their enemies' hands. The growing tension creates a rift between the royal couple, but when tragedy strikes, personal and political sacrifices must be made. Last in the series.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.35** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Regional Programme. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News: Weather. **1.15** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **2.15** Money for Nothing. (R) **3.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.00** Points of View. **4.15** Songs of Praise. **4.50** Eat Well for Less? (R) **5.50** BBC News.
6.05 Regional Programme.
6.15 **Countryfile**. Ellie Harrison visits Wakehurst Place in Sussex that was devastated in the 1987 hurricane, and discovers how the estate was repaired and its trees replanted, becoming a showcase for global conservation. She also presents reports from the Countryfile archives on places that have needed to be rebuilt due to destructive weather.
7.15 **Strictly Come Dancing: The Results**. The results of the public vote are combined with the judges' scores to determine which pro-celebrity duos will be competing in the dance-off. Featuring music from Gregory Porter.
8.00 **Antiques Roadshow**. Fiona Bruce presents a second episode from Nymans gardens near Crawley. The experts examine items including a jeweled locket that was a gift from Queen Victoria, an ash tray that was designed by Picasso, a collection of nearly 1000 keys, and a box of silver gambling tokens used for making debt demands.
9.00 **The Last Post**. Joe is sent to recover incriminating photographs taken by Martha, but finds himself dangerously attracted to her. Ed tries to reconnect with Alison after the recent tragedy.
10.00 BBC News.
10.20 Regional Programme.
10.30 **Match of the Day 2**. Mark Chapman reviews the latest Premier League action, featuring Brighton & Hove Albion v Everton at the AMEX Stadium and Southampton v Newcastle United at St Mary's Stadium.
11.30 **Film: Possession**. (2002) Two rival academics become attracted to each other while investigating two Victorian poets they believe were having an affair. Drama, starring Gwyneth Paltrow.
1.05 Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.10** BBC News.

BBC2

7.05 Gardeners' World. (R) **8.05** The Beechgrove Garden. **8.35** Countryfile. (R) **9.30** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.00** Mary Berry's Foolproof Cooking. (R) **11.30** My Life on a Plate. (R) **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. **1.00** **Film: The World's Fastest Indian**. (2005) Fact-based drama, starring Anthony Hopkins. **3.00** Northern Italy Unpacked. (R) **4.00** Coast. (R) **5.00** Flog It! (R)
6.00 **Top Gear**. Chris Harris and Matt LeBlanc compete in a race across the Arabian peninsula, pitting a Bugatti Chiron against an assortment of other ways of travelling – with money no object. Rory Reid creates a life-size arcade game to put city cars to the test, and Timie Tempah takes a ride on the Top Gear track in a Toyota GT86. (R)
7.00 **Russia with Simon Reeve**. The adventurer embarks on a journey across the world's biggest country, taking him from the snow-capped volcanoes of the far east, through some of the remotest parts of the planet, to the great cities of the west, Moscow and St Petersburg. (R)
8.00 **Dragons' Den**. Entrepreneurs pitch money-making ideas for a home sensor system for the elderly, protein shake bottles and gluten-free cakes to the panel. Presented by Evan Davis.
9.00 **Louis Theroux: Dark States – Trafficking Sex**. Louis explores the sex trade in Houston, examining how the city has become a major centre for people trafficking and uncovering the complex dynamic between prostitutes and pimps.
10.00 **Snowfall**. Franklin lets success go to his head, but faces some hard lessons. Teddy insists on meeting his supplier, and Oso makes demands of Pedro and Lucia after a job goes wrong.
10.50 **Mock the Week**. James Acaster, Tom Allen, Ed Byrne, Rhys James and Ellie Taylor join hosts Dara O Briain and regular Hugh Dennis for the topical comedy show. (R)
11.20 **Film: Leave to Remain**. (2013) An Afghan teenager living in Britain faces a dilemma as the decision over whether he can claim refugee status approaches. Drama, starring Noor Dosellam.
12.45 Sign Zone: Question Time. (R) **1.45** Holby City. (R) **2.45** This is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Sooty. **6.10** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.20** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Super 4. (R) **7.00** Mission: Impossible. (R) **7.05** Oddbods. (R) **7.10** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **7.30** Scrambled! Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled! The Tom and Jerry Show. (R) **7.50** Scrambled! Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **8.10** Scrambled! Ben 10. (R) **8.30** Scrambled! Be Cool, Scooby-Doo! (R) **8.05** Scrambled! Adventure Time. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Australian Wilderness with Ray Mears. (R) **10.00** Peston on Sunday. **10.55** Amazing Animal Births. (R) **11.55** Bigheads. (R) **12.55** ITV News: Weather. **1.00** The X Factor: Six Chair Challenge. (R) **3.00** **Film: Black Beauty**. (1994) Family drama, starring Sean Bean. **4.40** Victoria. (R) **5.40** Regional Programme; Weather. **5.50** ITV News: Weather.
6.00 **Tippling Point: Lucky Stars**. Ben Shephard presents a celebrity edition of the quiz, in which contestants Rita Simons, Mark Benton and Oli Mabuse answer questions to win turns on an arcade-style machine.
7.00 **The X Factor: Six Chair Challenge**. Dermot O'Leary hosts the conclusion of the Six Chair Challenge stage. Each of the judges must make their final decisions about which of the contestants will win one of the coveted seats and make it through to the next stage – but they are still free to change their mind right up until the last moment.
9.00 **Victoria**. Albert resents Lehen's influence over the queen, and unwittingly makes life difficult for Peel, who is facing the most important battle of his political career. Last in the series.
10.05 ITV News: Weather.
10.20 **Peston on Sunday**. Political magazine, presented by Robert Peston and Allegra Stratton, featuring reports on the latest issues and interviews with topical guests. (R)
11.20 **Liar**. Laura enlists Tom's help in her plan to bring Andrew to justice, but when a deception in her personal life comes to light she resorts to dangerous methods to force a confession. (R)
12.15 Jackpot247. **3.00** Motorsport UK. **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.20 Kevin Can Wait. **6.45** Kevin Can Wait. **7.10** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** Jamie's Quick & Easy Food. (R) **1.00** The Simpsons. (R) **1.30** The Simpsons. (R) **2.00** The Simpsons. (R) **2.30** **Film: Antz**. (1998) Animated comedy, with the voice of Woody Allen. **4.10** The Crystal Maze: Celebrity Specials. (R) **5.15** The Great British Bake Off. (R)
6.30 **Channel 4 News**.
7.00 **Secrets of China's Forbidden City**. Documentary exploring the Beijing palace that housed Chinese emperors for 600 years. The programme reveals the current conservation work being carried out and uncovers new details about past rulers, including trade with Europe and how a marble staircase was transported along an ice road. A scale model is used to demonstrate how the structure was built to withstand earthquakes. (R)
8.00 **Escape**. Five engineers must build an escape boat from wreckage from a number of vehicles left drifting in crocodile-infested waters following a flash flood. With Ant Middleton.
9.00 **Electric Dreams: Real Life**. A detective pursuing a killer and a games designer both seek solace from the challenges of their life by using a virtual reality device. Each uses the machine to imagine themselves in the other's world, but end up losing sight of what is real and what is an illusion. Anna Paquin and Terence Howard star in an episode written by Outlander and Battlestar Galactica producer Ronald D Moore.
10.05 **8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown**. Jimmy Carr hosts as Jon Richardson and Sara Pascoe take on Sean Lock and Vic Reeves. David O'Doherty joins Susie Dent in Dictionary Corner. (R)
11.00 **Film: The Impossible**. (2012) A family spending Christmas in Thailand are separated in the 2004 tsunami and struggle to find each other in the ensuing chaos. Drama, starring Naomi Watts.
1.05 The Secret Life of the Zoo. (R) **2.00** Britain's Ancient Tracks with Tony Robinson. (R) **2.55** Grand Designs Australia. (R) **3.55** Building the Dream. (R) **4.45** Gillette World Sport.

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! Poppy Cat. **6.10** Little Princess. (R) **6.25** Mr Men. (R) **6.35** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **6.40** Milkshake! Bopping About. (R) **6.45** Simon. (R) **6.50** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.55** Wisper. (R) **7.05** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.15** Bob the Builder. (R) **7.25** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.40** Olly the Little White Van. (R) **7.50** Paw Patrol. (R) **8.05** Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) **8.35** Noddy: Toyland Detective. (R) **8.50** Floogals. (R) **9.05** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.20** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.35** Digby Dragon. (R) **9.55** Peppa Pig. (R) **10.00** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.35** Football on 5: The Championship. (R) **11.10** Football on 5: Goal Rush. (R) **11.45** **Film: Fetch Lives**. (1989) **1.35** **Film: The 'Bubs**. (1989) **3.25** **Film: National Lampoon's Loaded Weapon 1**. (1993) **4.25** **5 News Update**. **4.50** **Film: National Lampoon's Loaded Weapon 1**. (1993) **5.15** **Film: Get Smart**. (2008)
6.15 **5 News Update**.
6.20 **Film: Get Smart**. (2008) A clumsy office worker at a secret intelligence agency is sent into action against a sinister terrorist organisation. Spy comedy, starring Steve Carell and Anne Hathaway. Edited for language and violence.
7.20 **Film: Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls**. (1995) The eccentric pet detective is coaxed out of exile in a Buddhist monastery to search for a missing sacred bat in the African jungle. Comedy sequel, with Jim Carrey and Simon Callow. Edited for language and sexual content.
8.55 **5 News Weekend**.
9.00 **Film: We're the Millers**. (2013) Premiere. A drug dealer recruits a fake family to give him a cover for moving a shipment of marijuana over the Mexican border. Comedy, with Jason Sudeikis and Jennifer Aniston.
10.00 **5 News Update**.
10.05 **Film: We're the Millers**. (2013) A drug dealer recruits a fake family to give him a cover for moving a shipment of marijuana over the Mexican border. Comedy, with Jason Sudeikis and Jennifer Aniston.
11.25 **Film: Grown Ups**. (2010) Five friends attend the funeral of their high-school basketball coach, and decide to relive their childhood over a weekend at a lake house. Comedy, with Adam Sandler.
1.15 SuperCasino. **3.10** Paddington Station 24/7. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four
7.00 Only Connect **7.30** University Challenge **8.00** The French Revolution: Tearing Up History **9.00** Jonas Kaufmann: Tenor for the Ages **10.30** Kaufmann's Opera Pig. (R) **6.55** Wisper. (R) **7.05** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.15** Bob the Builder. (R) **7.25** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.40** Olly the Little White Van. (R) **7.50** Paw Patrol. (R) **8.05** Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) **8.35** Noddy: Toyland Detective. (R) **8.50** Floogals. (R) **9.05** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.20** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.35** Digby Dragon. (R) **9.55** Peppa Pig. (R) **10.00** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.35** Football on 5: The Championship. (R) **11.10** Football on 5: Goal Rush. (R) **11.45** **Film: Fetch Lives**. (1989) **1.35** **Film: The 'Bubs**. (1989) **3.25** **Film: National Lampoon's Loaded Weapon 1**. (1993) **4.25** **5 News Update**. **4.50** **Film: National Lampoon's Loaded Weapon 1**. (1993) **5.15** **Film: Get Smart**. (2008)
6.15 **5 News Update**.
6.20 **Film: Get Smart**. (2008) A clumsy office worker at a secret intelligence agency is sent into action against a sinister terrorist organisation. Spy comedy, starring Steve Carell and Anne Hathaway. Edited for language and violence.
7.20 **Film: Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls**. (1995) The eccentric pet detective is coaxed out of exile in a Buddhist monastery to search for a missing sacred bat in the African jungle. Comedy sequel, with Jim Carrey and Simon Callow. Edited for language and sexual content.
8.55 **5 News Weekend**.
9.00 **Film: We're the Millers**. (2013) Premiere. A drug dealer recruits a fake family to give him a cover for moving a shipment of marijuana over the Mexican border. Comedy, with Jason Sudeikis and Jennifer Aniston.
10.00 **5 News Update**.
10.05 **Film: We're the Millers**. (2013) A drug dealer recruits a fake family to give him a cover for moving a shipment of marijuana over the Mexican border. Comedy, with Jason Sudeikis and Jennifer Aniston.
11.25 **Film: Grown Ups**. (2010) Five friends attend the funeral of their high-school basketball coach, and decide to relive their childhood over a weekend at a lake house. Comedy, with Adam Sandler.
1.15 SuperCasino. **3.10** Paddington Station 24/7. (R)

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FILM CHOICES

MONDAY
Resident Evil: Retribution, Channel 5, 11.05pm
 Zombie fighter Alice finds herself trapped in a top-secret underground base as a virus sweeps the world, turning the human race into the undead. She battles through the complex in search of those responsible for the outbreak and faces an old friend, now under the control of her enemies. Sci-fi thriller sequel, starring Milla Jovovich, Sienna Guillory and Michelle Rodriguez. (2012)

TUESDAY
Damaged, Channel 5, 3.15pm
 A high-school teacher's life is turned upside down when a new student moves into the area and they develop a mutual attraction for each other, leading to a string of undesirable events. Thriller, starring Chris Klein, Merritt Patterson and Tasya Teles. (2014)

WEDNESDAY
Lifetime of Lies, Channel 5, 3.15pm
 Returning home for her brother's funeral, Sayre Hoyle attempts to unravel the truth about his death. While she is in the neighbourhood, she must also deal with her strained relationship with her corrupt businessman father and the romantic attentions of his lawyer. Mystery, starring Shenae Grimes-Beech, Sean Faris and John Schneider. (2016)



Instinct, Friday, Channel 4, 12.10am

THURSDAY
Fatal Friends, Channel 5, 3.10pm
 Quiet teenage musician Ashley is delighted when she befriends new student Michelle, until the girl shows worrying signs of being possessive. When a strange series of events threatens to disrupt Ashley's family, school life and a budding relationship, she realises she has to put a stop to Michelle's destructive behaviour. Thriller, starring Kristen Prout. (2015)

FRIDAY
Instinct, Channel 4, 12.10am
 A prison psychologist probes the mind of a maximum-security inmate, an expert on primate behaviour, to find out what made the zoologist go berserk and murder two park rangers in Rwanda. Drama, inspired by Daniel Quinn's novel Ishmael, starring Anthony Hopkins and Cuba Gooding Jr. (1999)

Going behind the scenes of a memorable occasion

It was one of the biggest boxing bouts in recent history – a clash of generations between an upcoming young talent and one of the sport's greatest-ever champions.

Back in April, Anthony Joshua fought Wladimir Klitschko for the IBF, WBA and IBO heavyweight titles in front of 90,000 fans at Wembley Stadium.

It was the largest-ever attendance for a boxing bout on British soil and the most spectators for a heavyweight fight anywhere in the world since The Long Count Fight between Gene Tunney and Jack Dempsey in Chicago in 1927.

For once, the much-hyped event wasn't an anti-climax. After a close and cautious first four rounds, 'AJ' came out and barraged 'Dr Steelhammer' to the canvas in the fifth.

However, the 41-year-old Ukrainian rose up and dominated his younger opponent for the remainder of the round, before battering him and scoring his own knockdown in round six.

The next few rounds were again cautious, both men wary of each other, until a reinvigorated Joshua attacked his opponent in round 11, sending him to the canvas.

Klitschko again rose up, but Joshua knocked him down for a second time in the round, before the referee stopped the fight.

This documentary follows Joshua in the final hours leading up to the historic fight.

It also provides an intimate insight into the young champion at home the night before and in his dressing room as the clock ticked down to the opening bell.

The programme also features a look at the career of the Watford fighter, who turned 28 on Sunday.

As an amateur, Joshua represented Britain at the 2012 Olympics, winning a gold medal in the super-heavyweight division.

He is also the second boxer, after Joe Frazier, to win a world heavyweight title whilst still reigning as Olympic champion at the top weight.

But before his success in the ring he had his fair share of problems.

In 2009, Joshua was put on remand in Reading Prison for what he describes as "fighting and other crazy stuff". He was made to wear an electronic tag on his ankle when released.

Then in March 2011, Joshua was pulled over by the police for speeding in Colindale, North London.

He was found with 80oz of herbal cannabis hidden in a sports bag in his Mercedes and charged with possession with intent to supply a class B drug, an offence that carries a maximum 14-year sentence.

Joshua was suspended from GB boxing squad and was sentenced to a 12-month community order and 100 hours' unpaid work after pleading guilty at crown court.

As well as profiling Joshua, The Fight Of My Life also contains the boxer's own fascinating analysis on what was certainly the biggest test of his career so far and seen by many as a boxing classic.



Anthony Joshua: The Fight Of My Life, Wednesday, BBC1, 10.45pm

BEST OF THE REST

As a result, thousands on the autistic spectrum struggled through their childhoods and teenage years, attempting to make sense of a world they saw very differently to other people. Packham was in his 40s and already a famous face before he was diagnosed as having Asperger's syndrome, which causes him to struggle in social situations and find human relationships difficult. He candidly discusses his situation in this moving documentary, which also features testimony from his long-term partner, who describes him as sometimes being 'like an alien'. Packham also learns more about treatments, and ponders whether he would ever want to be cured.

compared it to the house in Amityville Horror. George teams the couple up with creative architect Laura Clark, who attempts to turn this terrifying building into a warm and welcoming, modern home, whilst retaining some of its original character.

THURSDAY
Gordon Ramsay on Cocaine
 ITV, 9pm

Britain is the biggest user of cocaine in Europe – and it's rife in the restaurant trade. Gordon Ramsay has seen the drug wreck the careers of colleagues, including a protege who lost his life to an overdose in 2003. He now presents this two-part documentary exposing the truth about the drug. He travels to South and Central America to witness the illegal process by which cocaine is made, joins British police trying to catch drivers under the influence and sees the arrest of couriers on their way to a major deal.



Gordon Ramsay on Cocaine, Thursday, ITV, 9pm

FRIDAY
Travel Man: 48 Hours in Rome
 Channel 4, 8.30pm
 Richard Ayoade is back for a new series of trips – and he begins by joining Matt Lucas for a Roman holiday. With just 48 hours to experience the Eternal City, they begin by dropping their bags off at their ultra-hip hotel, and then head to Rome's oldest hat shop in search of headgear that will protect them from the blazing Italian sun. Then, they set about touring the city in vintage Fiat 500 cars, finishing on top of Gianicolo Hill in time for the cannon being fired as part of a daily ritual that has been taking place since the 1850s. On the second day they stray into the same territory as ITV2's Bromans as, following a guided tour of the Colosseum, they head to gladiator school to practise their sword skills.

QI
BBC2, 10pm
 The comedy quiz show returns, as Sandi Toksvig poses more perplexing questions to a selection of celebrity guests. As ever, the panellists will not necessarily be expected to deliver the correct answers, and Sandi will be handing out points to those who provide the 'most interesting' guesses. Challengers joining Alan Davies this week are Bill Bailey, Phill Jupitus and Claudia Winkleman.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. The Spanish manuscript may have many leaves (4)
3. Loth to tackle anything not lined out (8)
9. Coming to a similar conclusion (7)
10. This can't be right (5)
11. Cricketer's ideal, coveted by musicians (7,5)
13. Descend on fire (6)
15. Didn't deny that it's an abnormal appetite (6)
17. Long lane that does have a turning for headwear (3-6,3)
20. Hide on top? (5)
21. Try to please? (7)
22. A spot of sympathy? (4-4)
23. They carry poison as an afterthought (4)

Down

1. A pure one in the common market, perhaps (8)
2. Senior citizen (5)
4. Things look different after dark (6)
5. Key phrase? (7,5)
6. Listener's complaint (7)
7. A politician's essay about love (4)
8. She was one of his heroines (5,7)
12. Not a man responsible for arranging publication (8)
14. State encouraging one to let the matter rest (7)
16. A colourless individual (6)
18. Maintains the cargo is in them (5)
19. Abandoned port (4)

[illegible]

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Cries (4)
3. Reference (8)
9. React (7)
10. Confess (5)
11. Bad luck (12)
13. Diminish (6)
15. Tree (6)
17. Tangle (12)
20. Higher (5)
21. Injurious (7)
22. ShriII (8)
23. Parched (4)

Down

1. Clamber (8)
2. Foundation (5)
4. Accounts book (6)
5. Beyond reach (12)
6. Wicked (7)
7. Observe (4)
8. Not easily angered (4-8)
12. Wasted away (8)
14. Plug (7)
16. Narrow band (6)
18. Deduce (5)
19. Bother (4)

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Fill in the grid above so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S
SOLUTIONS:

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 6 Recipes; 7 Flats; 9 Cover; 10 Galahad; 12 Investments; 14 Hermit crabs; 18 Routine; 19 Cedar; 21 Under; 22 Clergy.
Down: 1 Besom; 2 Pigskin; 3 Seal; 4 Cleave; 5 Struts; 8 Batters; 9 Pigeon; 13 Rebut; 14 Malt; 16 Break; 17 Baire; 20 Red.
QUICK - Across: 6 Balance; 7 Jolly; 9 Lucky; 10 Promise; 12 Bread-winner; 14 Come to a head; 18 Inhuman; 19 Essay; 21 Petty; 22 Cunning. Down: 1 Vague; 2 Walker; 3 Act; 4 Common; 5 Cluster; 8 Growths; 11 Samovar; 13 Counter; 15 Equity; 16 Absent; 17 Vaunt; 20 Eun.

1. Who scored the only goal in Terry Venables's first match as England manager?
2. Whose wife was Frances Nisbet?
3. What did IA Richards and CK Ogden devise?
4. What type of animal is the dik-dik?
5. What is the unit of currency of South Africa?

6. Which country was ruled by dictator Kim Il-Sung?
7. Which car firm's name means 'people's car'?
8. Which film actress achieved fame in *The Torrent* in 1926?
9. To which literary group did Virginia Woolf belong?
10. What do children get from the tree *Aesculus hippocastanum*?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Laurence Olivier; 2 Pentateuch;
3 Melina Mercouri; 4 Pointillism; 5 The Seekers;
6 Haile Selassie; 7 Johann Strauss II;
8 Democrats; 9 Tank; 10 Rip Van Winkle.

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

17789
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gives a bird with webbed feet,
gives a second bird with webbed feet,
gives a third bird with webbed feet.

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ALBUMS

by Leon Burakowski

THINK of Slade and most folks conjure images of outrageous 1970s gear or hear perennial festive earworm **Merry Xmas Everybody**.

What many forget is just what a great rock 'n' roll band the Black Country hit-makers were.

To prove that point, the group's classic album **Slade Alive!** has been reissued by BMG as a handsome hard-back cover CD with 28-page booklet or, for the retro groovers, 180g vinyl with six-page 12 inch booklet.

Marking the 45th anniversary of its original release, this seven-track blast from the past shows a band at their most comfortable performing live.

Energy

Famously recorded for just £600 in a London recording studio in front of an invited audience of fans, the album still resonates with raw energy.

Noddy Holder rules the roost, joking with fans that he has to find the right key before unleashing that famous Black Country roar, while the formidable rhythm section of Jim Lea and Don Powell keep up a stomping bluesy beat, as Dave Hill contributes vigorous guitar and asides.

The album came out just before Slade became Top Of The Pops regulars with a string of hits. This is the sound of a hard-gigging band that knew how to get an audience ready to Get Down And Get With It, the name of the Bobby Marchan soul stomper that



Slade back in the early 70s – Noddy Holder, Don Powell, Jim Lea and Dave Hill

they cover here and was their debut hit.

Slade originals In Like A Shot From A Gun, Know Who You Are and Keep On Rocking are performed alongside covers of Ten Years After's Hear Me Calling, John Sebastian's Darling Be Home Soon and, Slade's favourite set closer, Steppenwolf's Born To Be Wild.

Raucous, fun and wild, it's easy to see why this inspired Joey Ramone to form the band that kickstarted punk and led Noel Gallagher to cite Slade as one of the great British rock bands.

When it comes to great bands on stage, American connoisseurs of the wilder realms of vintage rock 'n' roll, The Cramps were hard to beat. The death of singer Lux Interior in 2009 ended their reign as most exulted potentates of rockabilly and surf beat but the spirit lives on in the Cherry Red Records 60-track various artists compilation **Jukebox In Crampsville**.

Inspired by Lux and his partner Poison Ivy's rare record collection, this plunders the more obscure corners of

1950s and 60s rock 'n' roll, blues, jazz, doo wop, surf and exotica for some gems and quite a few weird novelties. Only a few familiar names appear, including some blues and country artists who went on to find mainstream success with less esoteric material. But these lo-fi offerings, featuring lots of honking horns and twangy guitars, have vintage appeal.

Cherry Red's Doctor Bird imprint has released on CD a couple of excellent early reggae albums. Derek Harriot & The Crystalites' **Psychedelic Train** is an expanded edition of one of the legendary Trojan label's best-sellers of 1970 featuring sweetly sung rocksteady and tight instrumentals. Highlights include Message From A Black Man and Laugh It Off. Various artists album **Gay Feet** showcases Sonia Pottinger's label of that name which found success in mid-60s Jamaica with its soulful R&B and ska instrumentals, particularly those featuring trumpeter Baba Brooks.

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Three-bedroomed property ideal for the first time buyer

Being deceptively spacious and ideal for the first time buyer, this three-bedroomed semi-detached property in Stamping Way, Bloxwich, Walsall, is new to the property market.

In a cul-de-sac position close to Bloxwich Town Centre, it is for sale through Skitts at £174,950 with no chain.

With gas central heating and double glazing, the home has three bedrooms, an en-suite shower room, bathroom, a lounge, a kitchen/diner, allocated parking and a separate garage and an enclosed rear garden.

A spokesman for the selling agents said that this property would make an ideal first time buy.

In more detail the property has a smart facade and a small frontage bordered by iron railings and mature hedging.

Being well presented throughout and decorated in neutral shades, the lounge is a good size and has stairs leading off up to the first floor.

The kitchen/diner has contemporary wood-effect units complemented by black coloured working surfaces and grey slate-effect floor tiling. The dining area has ample space for a table and chairs.

Upstairs the family bathroom has a modern white suite of a bath with splash-back tiling around it, a wash hand basin and WC. The main living areas, both upstairs and downstairs, have neutral coloured carpets.

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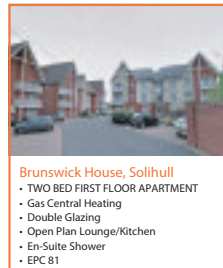
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- En-Suite Shower
- EPC 81

£750 PCM

NEW



Ripon Road, Walsall

- ●●●●NEW BUILD●●●●
- Two Bedroom Detached
- Bungalow with Garage
- New Flooring Throughout
- Rear Garden
- Rating-TBC



£725.00

NEW



Ripon road, Walsall

- ●●●●NEW BUILD●●●●
- Two Bedroom Detached
- Bungalow
- Front Off Road Parking
- Rear Garden
- Rating-TBC



£650.00



Selsdon Road, Bloxwich

- Two bedroom end of terrace
- Lounge
- Newly Fitted Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Extensive Garden to Rear
- EPC 69

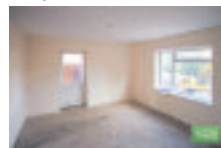
£625 PCM

NEW



Ripon Road, Walsall

- ●●●●NEW BUILD●●●●
- Two Bedroom Semi Detached
- New Flooring Throughout
- Front Off Road Parking
- Rear Garden
- Rating-TBC



£600.00

NEW



Ripon Road, Walsall

- ●●●●NEW BUILD●●●●
- Two Bedroom Terrace
- New Flooring Throughout
- Front Off Road Parking
- Rear Garden
- Rating TBC



£575.00

NEW



Borneo Street, Walsall

- Two Bedroom Terrace
- Walk in Shower Cubicle
- Roll top Bath
- Utility
- Rear Garden
- Rating-45



£550.00



Squires Grove, Willenhall

- Top Floor Furnished Apartment
- Double Glazing
- Electric Heating
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- EPC 75

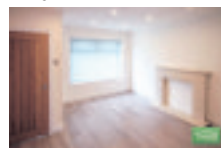
£595 PCM

NEW



Hadley Road, Walsall

- Refurbished Property
- Three Bedroom Terrace
- New Flooring Throughout
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- Rating-68



£550.00



Stephenson Avenue, Walsall

- Three Bedroom Mid Terrace Property
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- EPC 74

£550 PCM



Bealeys Close, Bloxwich

- One Bedroom Apartment
- Part Furnished
- Gas Central Heating
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- EPC 75

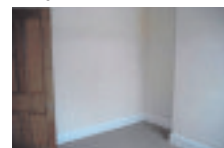
£500 PCM

NEW



Lime Street, Walsall

- Two Bedroom Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Gas Central Heating
- Rating-59



£475.00



Paddock, Walsall

- Two bedroom Flat
- Close To Town Centre
- 7th Floor
- Intercom Access
- Off Road Parking
- Rating-D



450.00



Waterfront Way, Walsall

- One Bedroom First Floor Apartment
- Close to all amenities & near canal
- Open Plan Kitchen / Lounge
- Fitted Bathroom with Shower Also
- Sorry No DHSS, Pets or Smokers
- Rating: 78

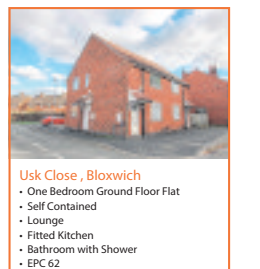
£450 PCM



Waterfront Way, Walsall

- One Bedroom Ground Floor Apartment
- Open Plan Lounge / Kitchen
- Bathroom with Shower over Bath
- Secure Gated Entrance
- Sorry No DHSS
- Rating:85

£450 PCM



Usk Close, Bloxwich

- One Bedroom Ground Floor Flat
- Self Contained
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom with Shower
- EPC 62

£425 PCM



Taverners Close, Willenhall

- One Bedroom
- Ground Floor Maisonette
- Entrance
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Rating:75

£425 PCM



Signal Grove, Walsall

- One Bedroom Ground Floor Flat
- Private Porch Entrance
- Lounge
- Open Plan Kitchen
- Bedroom with Wardrobe
- Rating -65

£425.00



Harrison Street, Walsall

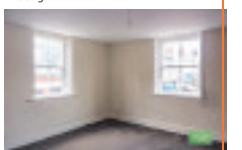
- First Floor Flat
- Two Bedrooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Private Entrance
- Rating:33
- DHSS Accepted

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- . Front and Rear Gardens

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- . Reception Hallway
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- . Three Bedrooms
- . Upstairs Shower Room
- . GCH, UPVC DG

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- . Split Level Flat
- . Two Bedrooms
- . Lounge / Dining Area
- . Kitchen with hob & oven
- . Shower Room
- . Gas Central Heating
- . Part UPVC Double Glazing

£395pcm - plus fees

CHURCH STREET, DARLSTON **EPC: C**

- . First Floor Flat
- . Good Size Lounge
- . Kitchen With Appliances
- . Two Bedrooms
- . Bathroom
- . Gas Central Heating
- . UPVC Double Glazing

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ROCKINGHAM CLOSE, BLOXWICH **EPC: D**

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- . Porch, Hallway
- . Lounge, Kitchen
- . Two Double Bedrooms
- . Bathroom
- . Parking
- . Double Glazing

£450pcm - plus fees

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- . Ground Floor Flat
- . Communal Entrance
- . Lounge/Dining Area/Kitchen
- . One Bedroom, Shower Room
- . DG, Electric Heating
- . Garage

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CHURCH STREET, DARLSTON **EPC: D**

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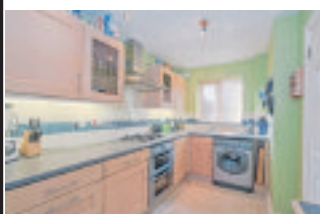
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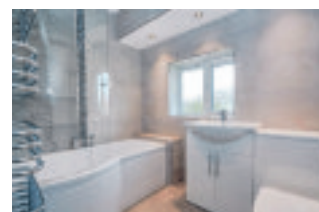
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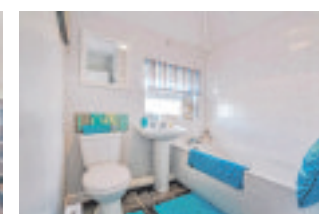
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New Scout model for Kodiahq SUV

By James Parker

ŠKODA's award-winning Kodiahq range is set to earn its badges with the arrival of a new Scout model.

Priced from £32,330 and positioned between the SE L and Edition models, the Scout is the first new addition to the Kodiahq range since the seven-seater SUV arrived earlier this year.

To meet anticipated customer demand, the Scout is available with six engine and transmission options, all of which feature four-wheel drive.

Options

The engine range consists of two petrol offerings, a 1.4 TSI unit that produces 150PS and a 2.0 TSI unit that generates 180PS.

The 1.4 TSI is equipped with a six-speed manual transmission as standard with a seven-speed DSG available as an option, while the 2.0 TSI features a seven-speed DSG as standard.

Customers opting for diesel can choose between two 2.0 TDI units with outputs of 150PS and 190PS. The 150PS version offers the choice of a standard six-speed manual gearbox or a seven-speed DSG while the range-topping 190PS version is equipped with a seven-speed DSG as standard.

In keeping with ŠKODA Scout models, the Kodiahq Scout comes with a tent-full of special features that mark it apart from other models in the range.

The bespoke exterior design package includes special Scout off-road front and rear bumpers, a rear diffuser, Scout plaques on



The Kodiahq Scout has a rear diffuser

the front wings and silver door mirrors. 19-inch Crater Anthracite alloy wheels complete the rugged new look.

Inside, the Kodiahq Scout features Alcantara trimmed seats and door panels, along with wood finish dashboard and door inserts and a Scout plaque on the dashboard. Equipped with seven seats as standard, Scout cabin

also features aluminium trimmed pedals and LED ambient lighting.

As befits a model bearing the Scout badge, the newest member of the Kodiahq family is ideally equipped for adventures off the beaten track. All models are equipped with an off-road mode that adapts the chassis, engine and brake settings for rough terrain.



There are Scout plaques on the front wings and silver door mirrors

It also engages Hill Descent Assist on steep downhill slopes, holding the car at a safe speed while it's descending. The Scout also features a 'rough road package' as standard that includes a tough engine guard and underbody stone guard.

Scout models have been part of ŠKODA's range since the first Octavia Scout joined

the range in 2007. Characterised by their rugged design and enhanced off-road ability, Scout models have won numerous industry accolades and enjoy a loyal following with buyers.

The Kodiahq Scout will join the current Octavia Scout model in the brand's 2017 line-up.

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Professor Allyson Pollock says the Government has a "duty of care"



Youngsters from Bridgnorth Rugby Club in action

Rugby coach tackling the scientists head on

SPORTING FEATURE

By Mark Andrews

"The health crisis facing Britain's children is not concussion, but obesity and lack of exercise."

IN Tom Brown's School Days, the protagonist observed: "It's very odd how almost all English boys love danger; you can get ten to join a game, or climb a tree, or swim a stream, when there's a chance of breaking their limbs or getting drowned."

It is fair to say Tom's adventures with Scud, George and Flashman would have been very different had their teachers heeded the latest advice from experts at Newcastle University.

Writing for the British Medical Journal, Prof Allyson Pollock and Graham Kirkwood have called for scrums and tackles to be banned from school playing fields, arguing that most injuries in youth rugby are caused by collisions during the game.

Calling for the Government to step in, Professors Pollock and Kirkwood say ministers should "put the interests of the child before those of corporate professional rugby unions".

But Dominic Bradburn, director of sport at Oswestry School, is unconvinced.

Dangers

"You can't take tackling out of the game, it would ruin it," says Mr Bradburn, who has played the sport for Shrewsbury RFC.

Phil Jefferies, who coaches youngsters at Bridgnorth Rugby Club, says that taking tackling out of the junior game could actually make it more dangerous when children get older. "I think there's always merit in re-looking at sport and understanding the dangers involved," he says.

"My personal view is that what we need to do is to teach kids the correct techniques to scrummaging and tackle, and give them the experience of this at a slower rate when they are small.

"If you take the tackling and scrummaging out of the game at school level, by the time they reach the age of 18 they will have no experience of it, and I think you will get a lot more injuries than you do now."

Mr Jefferies, who is 42, first started playing the game when he was eight years old. He says that in 34 years he has suffered from concussion twice, despite

playing the position of flanker where his head is particularly vulnerable.

"I would imagine the risk of leg breaks in football is far greater," he says, although he does add that head injuries can be much more serious.

He points out that much has changed in the way rugby is taught to youngsters in recent years.

"You now have age range rugby, where different rules are gradually brought in for different age groups," he says. "That's only come in over the last four years."

Prof Pollock, a public health doctor who has been researching rugby injuries for more than 10 years, and Prof Kirkwood, a former NHS nurse, say that removing collisions from school rugby would "reduce and mitigate the risk of injury" in pupils.

They warn that a history of concussion could "lower a person's life chances" across a number of measures including educational achievement and life expectancy. They also say that head injuries could increase the risk of dementia.

Mr Bradburn agrees more could be done to make junior rugby safer, but says banning tackles is not the way to go about it.

He says a better idea would be to classify youngsters by their weight rather than age, as is done in New Zealand. At the moment we have the situation of under-12s rugby, where you might have a boy who has gone through puberty, and one who hasn't," he says. "You get a boy weighing 60kg going up against one who is 20kg. At that stage it is more about maturation and puberty than it is simply about age," he adds. Citing previous research into sports injuries

in youngsters, Profs Pollock and Kirkwood say that rugby, along with ice hockey and American football, have the highest concussion rates. They say rule changes can make a difference, highlighting the Canadian ban on deliberate contact in ice hockey for under-13s.

But Mr Bradburn, who has been teaching rugby for 14 years, says the game is no different from any other contact sport. He says the important thing is to ensure that it is taught properly, and that staff are trained in dealing with any knocks that might be picked up.

He is not the only one who is sceptical. In 2016, the nation's most senior medics rejected a call for a ban on tackling in youth rugby.

Prof Tara Spire-Jones, of the University of Edinburgh, says while people should be careful playing sports where there is a risk of head injury, the scientific evidence isn't strong enough to justify drastic rule changes.

Benefits

"The data on specifically whether playing rugby or other contact sports in school increases your risk of dementia are not as robust yet due to a lack of large prospective studies," she says.

There are also many who argue that the health benefits of getting youngsters involved with sport outweigh any risks from concussion.

Pollock and Kirkwood say that under United Nations conventions, governments have a duty to protect children from risks of injury. But brain injury expert Dr Alan Carson believes experts should think very hard before bringing in rules which could mean fewer children want to take part in sport.

"The health crisis facing Britain's children is not concussion, but obesity and lack of exercise," he says.

Mr Jefferies says that taking tackling out of the junior game would deny youngsters the opportunity to get some much-needed exercise.

"We have got 300 kids in our junior teams, and when you have boys that age there is a lot of testosterone," he says.

"At the age of 11 and 12, they need to run around and be active. From the age of nine, when they are told they can tackle, all they want to do is tackle. It just smacks of the nanny state."



Coach Phil Jeffries believes the game would be more dangerous



Dominic Bradburn says a ban would ruin the game

Daley launches hunt for the next big thing

FORMER Villa, Wolves and England winger Tony Daley is hoping to help uncover the next generation of future stars – after launching his own football coaching programme.

Daley, who also played for Walsall, has joined forces with his lifelong friend Dave Barnett – who was released by Wolves as a youngster and played for Blues and Barnet among others – to set up Pro Level Performance (PLP), a 30-week programme (one day a week for two hours). Based in Aston, it will focus on the mental side of the game as much as the physical. Capped seven times by England, Daley left Wolves this summer after a decade at the club working on fitness and sport science. He said: "We have a wealth of experience to nurture the youth of today – this is a bespoke programme for aspiring young players. At my school there were five or six lads who were better footballers than me but the mental side is just as important, hence our motto 'skill is not enough'."

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Wheels in Motion on new league deal

THE region's non-league football scene has received a significant boost thanks to a sponsorship deal from a vehicle management company.

The Midlands Football League, which boasts 76 clubs across four divisions, will be branded the Total Motion Midlands Football League thanks to an initial five-figure sum. The leasing company hopes to invest up to £250,000 across a five-year partnership, launched at the Banks's Stadium.

The idea, according to managing director and co-founder Simon Hill, is for clubs to profit and earn a portion of the five-figure sum stumped up yearly by Total Motion.

The incentives plan mean clubs can earn bonuses the more they utilise Total Motion's services by leasing vehicles. The company will offer £25 per vehicle rented, a figure the league will match. There is also a £1,000 end-of-season prize on offer for the club that comes out on top of a Total Motion 'league table' created by Total Motion, while a special £5,000 bonus is available for clubs that lease 250 vehicles in one financial year.

Spill puts dampener on Wigley race hopes

HEDNESFORD'S Kurt Wigley returned to the renowned fast track of Assen, in the Netherlands, for the first time in six years as the British Superbikes series moved overseas.

Taking part in the British Supersport championships, the 21-year-old admitted it took a while to get to grips with the track, hitting a damp patch and going over the handlebars during qualifying, damaging the bike as well as injuring a thumb.

The team had about three hours to rebuild the bike for the first race and had the Sorrymate.com Yamaha on the start line just in time.

Starting 10th on the grid, Wigley was up to sixth by the end of the first lap but still struggling with his injury. He suffered another crash coming out of the hairpin and high-sided.

"The rules are if you crash you're out of the race," he said. "It meant I started the next race in 15th but it was a much better race and I managed to catch the top 10, finishing in ninth."



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Comfortable win for Wood scoring four

Walsall Wood 4 Pershore Town 0
ANOTHER comfortable four-goal home victory for the league leaders. Three up at the break Wood cruised through the second half wasting a host of chances until Craig Deakin added number four, his first of the season, on 90 minutes.

Wood opened confidently against the lowly visitors and went ahead after just four minutes, a right wing corner reached Jordan Fitzpatrick who forced the ball home from close range.

On 15 minutes Lewis Hayden raced clear wide right, his cross found Agar on the penalty spot, he laid the ball back to Fitzpatrick who took one touch before he was scythed down from behind, loud penalty appeals falling on deaf ears. Five minutes later Craig Deakin powered down the right, his low cross cleverly touched on to beyond the far post by Agar, Fitzpatrick firing first time into the side netting.

Six minutes later Tony Clarke worked his way into the left of the box, he lost the ball but won it back and played it to Fitzpatrick just outside the box, his first time rocket flying into the top right hand corner for number two.

On 36 minutes Peter Till worked his way inside from wide left, his cross headed out to Hayden 25 yards out, his thunderbolt through a crowded area giving the keeper no chance.

The first goalmouth action of the second half came on 53 minutes, Deakin powering down the left, playing a 1-2 with Till, his low cross hit first time just wide by Andrew Westwood.

Right on 90 minutes an intricate move left of centre ended with Clarke going across the box from left to right, the ball collected by Deakin to calmly fire home.

Thomas axed as Pics boss after just three

RUSHALL Olympic have sacked manager Wayne Thomas after winning just three of their first 14 league fixtures.

Both Thomas, a former Stoke, Burnley and Southampton defender, and his assistant Will Ryder left the club with immediate effect after Saturday's 4-0 defeat at Altrincham. Rushall are bottom of the Evo-Stik Premier and in their last two games shipped 11 goals.

At Moss Lane on Saturday, the Robins took the lead on 17 minutes through Ben Harrison. Josh Hancock doubled the lead on 38.

Hopes of a Pics comeback were dashed when Kristian Scott was dismissed on 51 minutes for a professional foul after pulling John Hancock down when the forward was through on goal.

Altrincham made their dominance count on 73 minutes when Tom Peers tapped in a third and Jordan Hulme completed the scoring in the 89th minute. John Allen and Trevor Burroughs were preparing the squad for Tuesday's visit of seventh-placed Barwell.

Convincing defeat ends Cup hopes

Droitwich 36 Walsall 8

WALSALL'S first game in this season's RFU Intermediate Cup resulted in a fairly convincing defeat at Droitwich, who have made a confident start to the season.

Walsall made an encouraging start and their early pressure resulted in a penalty which Mitch Carless converted from 25 metres.

The hosts hit back with three tries and lost two players to the sin-bin before Walsall No8 Rod Dickson went over for a try off the base of the scrum. The first half came to an end when

a Droitwich drive resulted in another try. The second half started badly for Walsall as they lost possession in their own half and Droitwich ran through for another score. The hosts lost another player to yellow card but Walsall lost Rob Angell to a hand injury.

Droitwich added a late score when their strong running No8 put the scrum half Sean Walker away for a try.

Bobby Scott-Walker added three conversions for the Worcestershire team, who now progress into the third round of his national competition.

It is an important league game for Walsall on Saturday. Ludlow will be the visitors to Delves Road for a game that will be without doubt a severe test for a Walsall squad that is relying heavily on their reserve strength at the moment.

Walsall United had a morale boosting 47-3 win over Vesyans in the first round of the league cup. Centre Richard Clarke, returning to action after a three week lay-off, scored three tries.

Flanker Andy Fitzgerald scored two with Richard Wilson and Ed Mallaband scoring one try apiece. Andy Hawkins kicked six conversions.

No stone left unturned for 'beast' Luke

LUKE Paddock has been training like a 'beast' as he sets his sights on a version of a world title. The Bloxwich boxer challenges Glossop's Adam Hague for the IBF Youth Lightweight Title at Walsall Town Hall on Saturday.

The 25 year-old has endured a gruelling camp ahead of his clash at the top of BCB Promotions' 'The World Awaits' show.

Morning sessions at The Village Hotel Walsall have been followed by gruelling sessions with BCB head trainer Paul Mann, and sparring with his stablemates. Paddock hopes his hard work will pay off and he will realise his dreams in his hometown.

"Camp has been intense," Paddock said. "I've been doing spin classes with personal trainer Dan Kibby at the Village every morning before training with Paul (Mann) at the gym. My fitness and weight is spot on. I feel great but that's because I've not cut any corners. I've trained like a beast. This is the toughest fight of my career."

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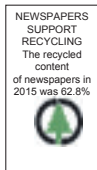
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Teams will then be competing for a range of top prizes including trophies, medals and champagne. Profits from the league will be donated to charity.

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WORK PAYS OFF FOR ACE AGYEI

WALSALL striker Dan Agyei believes his impressive form in front of goal is down to the hard work he is doing in training.

The 20-year-old, on loan from Burnley, netted his third goal in four matches on Saturday as the Saddlers played out a 1-1 draw with rivals Shrewsbury.

Agyei opened the scoring at the Banks's Stadium with a stunning right-footed strike from 25-yards, less than a fortnight after he scored from a similar distance with his favoured left foot against Charlton.

Agyei said: "I've been working hard in training to be able to score goals with both feet. And the minute I hit it I thought it was going in."

"It's always pleasing to score goals no matter how they go in. But I feel I am learning all the time. I've settled in really well here."

Overshadowed

The game itself was absorbing, fiery, entertaining and with plenty of grit – all the ingredients you'd expect from a derby. But it was somewhat overshadowed by a bizarre piece of refereeing.

It arrived in the 18th minute when Louis Dodds' cross was met by Stefan Payne. The striker's header was set to nestle into the back of the net, cancelling out Agyei's opener. But it hit the flailing arm of Jon Guthrie, leaving referee Graham Salisbury no option but to point to the spot.

Having denied a certain goal, the defender should have been sent off. Yet incredibly, neither the referee or linesman could identify which player had prevented the ball from crossing the line. And that meant Guthrie got away with it.

When the drama finally died down, Payne got his goal by converting from 12 yards.

And while the next 70 minutes proved thoroughly captivating, it's hard to see how Shrewsbury wouldn't have gone on to win had they enjoyed the benefit of a man advantage.



Jon Guthrie of Walsall handles the ball which resulted in a penalty, but there was no red card

Bloxwich hit for six by Burton in debut

Bloxwich 1 Burton 6

BLOXWICH suffered a humbling defeat in their first league game of the season.

Bloxwich made a decent start to the game but Burton got the breakthrough with an unstoppable drag flick in the first half. Bloxwich held their own for large portions of the match and

created chances but were unable to convert.

Burton went into half time 2-0 up and scored another soon after the start of the second half. Matt Whitehouse got a great deflection from a Harry Robinson shot which gave Bloxwich a lifeline.

Burton capitalised on Blox-

wich's mistakes and made very few of their own.

Bloxwich struggled against a very strong Burton side who were clinical in front of goal.

A tough defeat for the Barbarians but one that they can learn a lot from and can now work on the simple mistakes made in this match.

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Yours sincerely

Keith Whittlestone - Principal

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Gary Craven was honoured by Pearson because in their words he - epitomises the teacher that we all remember for the rest of our lives- fun, energetic, enthusiastic about his subject, caring, exciting, interesting, ambitious and with a seemingly endless drive for improvement and development of both his teaching and others. Gary has been a fundamental part of the structure of Joseph Leckie Academy for over 25 years and there has not been a student who has passed through the school who has not, in some way, been assisted by Gary's wonderful talent for getting young people to shine. He is versatile, yet knows what works; he is friendly to all he teaches, but all pupils know their boundaries with him; and he has a natural ability to make even the dullest historical topic interesting to the widest of abilities of students. He has been as impactful on the teaching of the school as he has been on the learning of the students.

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- * It's a good place to learn new skills
- * The school is supportive and guide you with your future
- * I enjoy the school because the new facilities are exciting! The school holds various extra curriculum activities which allow students to do activities outside of the school hours. The teachers at Joseph Leckie Academy are helpful and supportive.

Year 13 Jaspriya Sanghera



I enjoy going to school at Joseph Leckie Academy because the teachers are extremely pleasant and good at their job. The students are friendly and kind. The teaching at Joseph Leckie Academy allows you to achieve your full potential. Overall I enjoy it because I feel safe and happy. I enjoy being a part of student council as it allows me to help improve the academy. The most amazing things are the facilities we have at Leckie for example we have a huge drama studio.

Year 10 Inayah Hussain

I have enjoyed being a member of the Academy Council because I feel like I am making a difference to our academy.

Year 11 Kayleigh Hudson

I love Joseph Leckie Academy because it is a place where you can aim high and achieve goals to your full potential, Leckie helps you succeed in everything and is bursting with opportunities to go far such as:

- * Extra-curricular activities
- * Being a part of student council (me)
- * New and improved facilities to assist our learning (new building):

Joseph Leckie Academy is a great place where teachers are friendly and always radiate a contagious, positive attitude.

Year 9 Zainab Rana

I like being allowed to express my opinions and work towards my goals. Joseph Leckie Academy is a safe learning environment - it is my second family.

Year 11 Warfa Abdirahaman

I love attending Joseph Leckie Academy because it represents the multi-cultural area that we live in. Mixing with students from all walks of life helps us to develop our communication and interpersonal skills. We have excellent teachers and our lessons are always engaging.

Year 11 Tristan Rabone



What Ofsted say about us

"Strong relationships exist between pupils and their teachers. As a result, the care for their personal development and well-being is good."

"Attendance, punctuality, behaviour and attitude to learning are all excellent in the sixth form. Students enjoy their studies. They are mature and appreciate the opportunities that the academy provides for them."

"There is a real sense of community about the academy. This is reflected in the positive relationships between pupils, sixth-formers and staff at all levels."

"Good support is provided for pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development, and the way in which British values are threaded through the curriculum, encourages pupils to be respectful and tolerant to others."

"Outcomes in the sixth form are good. The academy provides an inclusive curriculum, effective teaching and good support. Consequently, students achieve well."

"Most pupils are confident young people. They show respect for others and have positive attitudes to their learning."

"Pupils behave well in lessons, at break and lunchtime and as they move around the site."



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